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From: Bethany Davis [bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: 7/11/2017 2:53:47 PM
To: Hale, Michelle [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=cb99f5247ab8412fa017133839301fee-Hale, Miche]
Subject: Re: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I will let him know. Thanks!

Bethany Davis Horyn

On Jul 11, 2017, at 10:53 AM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

Okay, great to hear –

The Administrator now has a meeting at 1:15 at the White House. Would you mind advising the Ambassador?

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

He will be on time. His appointment ended and his back downtown.

Thank you!

Bethany Davis Horyn

On Jul 10, 2017, at 10:00 PM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

That should be no problem!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2017, at 7:12 PM, Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com> wrote:

Michelle,

Does Administrator Pruitt have flexibility if for any reason Amb. Gray were to be 10-15 minutes late?

He has a last minute appointment in the morning and just wanted to safe on timing. He's looking forward to the lunch.

Thank you,

Bethany Davis Horyn

On Jul 6, 2017, at 9:31 AM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you!

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Michelle,

No problem! I will be out of town tomorrow through Tuesday. I'll check my email but if there is an emergency my personal cell is [Ex. 6]

Thank you,

Bethany Davis Horyn | BOYDEN GRAY & ASSOCIATES
801 17th ST NW, Suite 350
Washington, DC 20006
Tel: [Ex. 6] Fax: 202-955-0621

From: Hale, Michelle [mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for the super quick turnaround! He will use the Visitors' Entrance at 17th and State Place.

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Michelle,

Full legal name: Clayland Boyden Gray
Date of birth [Ex. 6]
Place of birth [Ex. 6]
SS#: [Ex. 6]
Current city of residence: Washington, DC

What entrance should he use on Tuesday?

Thank you,

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From: Hale, Michelle [<mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good morning, Bethany. Could I get Ambassador Gray's personal information in order to have him cleared thru WAVES for lunch next week at the White House Mess? I will need the following information:

Full legal name:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
SS#:
Current city of residence:

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Michelle Hale
Executive Assistant to the Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW,
WJCS, Suite 3000
Washington, D.C. 20460
(202) 564-1430

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From: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:45 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>;
Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

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Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>;
Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Yes please.

Sydney Hupp
Executive Scheduler
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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis
[<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sounds good. 12:00pm?

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Bethany Davis
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Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>;
Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Okay, we can do the White House Mess!

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Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>;
Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

We were already thinking about cancelling a trip he has
then so this is a great excuse.

Let's go with July 11. Wherever the Administrator would
like is fine with us.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:01 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>;
Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

July 10 or 11 lunch are actually the only ones that would
work for us. Can we try one of those?

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Sydney,

He will be out of town unfortunately.

I have the following:

Breakfast (8:30am or 9:00am): June 26, July 12, July 14

Lunch: June 23, July 14

Dinner: June 29, July 6, July 7, July 12, July 14

July 17 is the last day he will be in DC until after Labor Day. I know he would like to reschedule before then. Lunch may open up on July 10 and 11 but I won't know for a couple days.

Thank you,

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Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>;
Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Unfortunately we will be out of town that day. What about Tuesday next week?

Sydney Hupp
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From: Bethany Davis
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Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:19 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>;
Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Could he do lunch the following Friday, June 23 at the White House Mess?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>;
Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hey Bethany,

So the Administrator is canceling the rest of the day and headed home sick. I think he was going to text the Ambassador and let him know but I wanted to shoot you an email as well. I am going to make reservations for breakfast and lunch at the White House Mess on Friday in hopes that he might be able to join him for one. So sorry it is so last minute!

Sydney Hupp
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[Ex. 6] (c)

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
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To: Bethany Davis
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Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

The reservation is now under Michelle Hale. The Administrator is looking forward to it as well!

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp
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From: Bethany Davis
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Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Amb. Gray is very much looking forward to their dinner tomorrow evening.

Are they still on for 6:30pm at Le Diplomate under
Ex. 6/7C?

Thank you,

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From: Bethany Davis
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:20 AM
To: 'Hupp, Sydney' <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

On the calendar. Thanks!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

May we try for the 14th, please? So sorry to keep changing it.

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From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

Would any of the following work:

May 30
June 1
June 13
June 14

If not, I'm looking at the last week of June.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon! Hate to do this again but could we reschedule dinner? We now have to be traveling on the 31st. So sorry!!

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you again.

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I'll get it on the calendar!

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis
[<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Yes, that would be great. Thank you.

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

How about the 31st? Same time and place?

Thank you!

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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Could we reschedule to May 30, May 31, June 1, June 13 or June 14?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon Bethany,

I so hate to do this last minute but could we perhaps reschedule? I think we are going to end up stuck here this evening.

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp
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From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

Bethany Davis

On May 4, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

We are all set for 6:30 on Monday evening. The reservation is under Ex. 6/7C
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Please let me know if you need anything further.
michelle

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney
<hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

That is fine. Thank you!

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From: Hupp, Sydney
[mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I was actually going to email you about this, can we move the time up to 6:30?

Sydney Hupp
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From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney
<hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale,
Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA
Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Are we still on for Monday at 7:30PM at
Le Diplomate?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney
[mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA
Administrator Pruitt

That sounds great! Michelle, would you
mind making the reservation, please?

Sydney Hupp
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling
[Ex. 6]

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney
<hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale,
Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA
Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Let's hold 7:30PM on Monday, May 8th
at Le Diplomate, and we can always
change the time/place as needed.
Let me know if that works.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney
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Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA
Administrator Pruitt

How about may 8th? Possibly at Le
Diplomat?

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates
.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 3:48
PM
To: Hupp, Sydney
<hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale,
Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA
Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

He could do a 7:00/7:30pm dinner any
of the following:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--
[endif]-->April 13
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--
[endif]-->April 18
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--
[endif]-->April 20

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--
[endif]-->May 8
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--
[endif]-->May 30
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--
[endif]-->May 31
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--
[endif]-->June 1

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney
[mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 3:46
PM
To: Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Bethany
Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA
Administrator Pruitt

Hi Bethany,

Thank you for reaching out! We would
love to set something up. Please
provide some dates at your
convenience.

Thanks!

Sydney Hupp
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; Hupp, Sydney
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Bethany, thank you for reaching out.
Sydney will be in touch.

Have a great evening.
Michelle

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Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: Dinner with EPA Administrator
Pruitt

Dear Sydney and Michelle,

Mr. Gray and Mr. Pruitt saw each other last Friday at the Federalist Society lunch. They discussed having dinner sometime. Let me know if I should send over some dates.

Thank you,

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CC: Morris, Madeline [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f42c86b4a2044779972ac94e098f0304-Morris, Mad]
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Michelle,

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Thank you,

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Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Michelle,

Full legal name: Clayland Boyden Gray
Date of birth: [Ex. 6]
Place of birth: [Ex. 6]
SS#: [Ex. 6]
Current city of residence: Washington, DC

What entrance should he use on Tuesday?

Thank you,

Bethany Davis Horyn | BOYDEN GRAY & ASSOCIATES
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Washington, DC 20006
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From: Hale, Michelle [mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good morning, Bethany. Could I get Ambassador Gray's personal information in order to have him cleared thru WAVES for lunch next week at the White House Mess? I will need the following information:

Full legal name:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
SS#:
Current city of residence:

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Michelle Hale
Executive Assistant to the Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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WJCS, Suite 3000
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Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 10:45 AM
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Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

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Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Yes please.

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Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sounds good. 12:00pm?

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Okay, we can do the White House Mess!

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Sydney,

We were already thinking about cancelling a trip he has then so this is a great excuse.

Let's go with July 11. Wherever the Administrator would like is fine with us.

Thank you,

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July 10 or 11 lunch are actually the only ones that would work for us. Can we try one of those?

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Sydney,

He will be out of town unfortunately.

I have the following:

Breakfast (8:30am or 9:00am): June 26, July 12, July 14

Lunch: June 23, July 14

Dinner: June 29, July 6, July 7, July 12, July 14

July 17 is the last day he will be in DC until after Labor Day. I know he would like to reschedule before then.

Lunch may open up on July 10 and 11 but I won't know for a couple days.

Thank you,

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To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Unfortunately we will be out of town that day. What about Tuesday next week?

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:19 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Could he do lunch the following Friday, June 23 at the White House Mess?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hey Bethany,

So the Administrator is canceling the rest of the day and headed home sick. I think he was going to text the Ambassador and let him know but I wanted to shoot you an email as well. I am going to make reservations for breakfast and lunch at the White House Mess on Friday in hopes that he might be able to join him for one. So sorry it is so last minute!

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

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Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

The reservation is now under Michelle Hale. The Administrator is looking forward to it as well!

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp
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From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Amb. Gray is very much looking forward to their dinner tomorrow evening.

Are they still on for 6:30pm at Le Diplomate under [Ex. 6/7C]?

Thank you,

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From: Bethany Davis
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:20 AM
To: 'Hupp, Sydney' <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

On the calendar. Thanks!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

May we try for the 14th, please? So sorry to keep changing it.

Sydney Hupp
Executive Scheduler
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Ex. 6 c)

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

Would any of the following work:

May 30
June 1
June 13
June 14

If not, I'm looking at the last week of June.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon! Hate to do this again but could we reschedule dinner? We now have to be traveling on the 31st. So sorry!!

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you again.

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I'll get it on the calendar!

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Yes, that would be great. Thank you.

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale,

Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

How about the 31st? Same time and place?

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp

Executive Scheduler

Office of the Administrator

Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]

Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 4:45 PM

To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Could we reschedule to May 30, May 31, June 1, June 13 or June 14?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]

Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 4:43 PM

To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon Bethany,

I so hate to do this last minute but could we perhaps reschedule? I think we are going to end up stuck here this evening.

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp

Executive Scheduler

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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]

Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 4:49 PM

To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Cc: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

Bethany Davis

On May 4, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

We are all set for 6:30 on Monday evening. The reservation is under "Ex. 6/7C"

Please let me know if you need anything further.
michelle

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

That is fine. Thank you!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I was actually going to email you about this, can we move the time up to 6:30?

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale,

Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Are we still on for Monday at 7:30PM at Le Diplomate?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 9:37 AM

To: Bethany Davis

<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

That sounds great! Michelle, would you mind making
the reservation, please?

Sydney Hupp

Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

Ex. 6

From: Bethany Davis

[<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]

Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 9:25 AM

To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale,
Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Let's hold 7:30PM on Monday, May 8th at Le Diplomate,
and we can always change the time/place as needed.
Let me know if that works.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]

Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 8:24 AM

To: Bethany Davis

<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle

<hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

How about may 8th? Possibly at Le Diplomat?

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

He could do a 7:00/7:30pm dinner any of the following:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->April 13
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->April 18
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->April 20
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->May 8
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->May 30
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- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->June 1

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Bethany,

Thank you for reaching out! We would love to set something up. Please provide some dates at your convenience.

Thanks!

Sydney Hupp
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

Ex. 6

From: Hale, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hupp, Sydney
<hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Bethany, thank you for reaching out. Sydney will be in touch.

Have a great evening.
Michelle

From: Bethany Davis
[<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Dear Sydney and Michelle,

Mr. Gray and Mr. Pruitt saw each other last Friday at the Federalist Society lunch. They discussed having dinner sometime. Let me know if I should send over some dates.

Thank you,

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Message

From: Bethany Davis [bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: 7/10/2017 11:11:00 PM
To: Hale, Michelle [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=cb99f5247ab8412fa017133839301fee-Hale, Miche]
Subject: Re: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Michelle,

Does Administrator Pruitt have flexibility if for any reason Amb. Gray were to be 10-15 minutes late? He has a last minute appointment in the morning and just wanted to safe on timing. He's looking forward to the lunch.

Thank you,

Bethany Davis Horyn

On Jul 6, 2017, at 9:31 AM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you!

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Michelle,

No problem! I will be out of town tomorrow through Tuesday. I'll check my email but if there is an emergency my personal cell is Ex. 6

Thank you,

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To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for the super quick turnaround! He will use the Visitors' Entrance at 17th and State Place.

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Michelle,

Full legal name: Clayland Boyden Gray

Date of birth: Ex. 6

Place of birth: Ex. 6

SS#: Ex. 6

Current city of residence: Washington, DC

What entrance should he use on Tuesday?

Thank you,

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Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:11 AM

To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>

Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good morning, Bethany. Could I get Ambassador Gray's personal information in order to have him cleared thru WAVES for lunch next week at the White House Mess? I will need the following information:

Full legal name:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

SS#:

Current city of residence:

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Michelle Hale

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Yes please.

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Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sounds good. 12:00pm?

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Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

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Let's go with July 11. Wherever the Administrator would like is fine with us.

Thank you,

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Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

July 10 or 11 lunch are actually the only ones that would work for us. Can we try one of those?

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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:49 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

He will be out of town unfortunately.

I have the following:

Breakfast (8:30am or 9:00am): June 26, July 12, July 14

Lunch: June 23, July 14

Dinner: June 29, July 6, July 7, July 12, July 14

July 17 is the last day he will be in DC until after Labor Day. I know he would like to reschedule before then.

Lunch may open up on July 10 and 11 but I won't know for a couple days.

Thank you,

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Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:39 AM

To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>

Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Unfortunately we will be out of town that day. What about Tuesday next week?

Sydney Hupp

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Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:19 AM

To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Could he do lunch the following Friday, June 23 at the White House Mess?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 5:24 PM

To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>

Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hey Bethany,

So the Administrator is canceling the rest of the day and headed home sick. I think he was going to text the Ambassador and let him know but I wanted to shoot you an email as well. I am going to make reservations for breakfast and lunch at the White House Mess on Friday in hopes that he might be able to join him for one. So sorry it is so last minute!

Sydney Hupp

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

The reservation is now under Michelle Hale. The Administrator is looking forward to it as well!

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Amb. Gray is very much looking forward to their dinner tomorrow evening.

Are they still on for 6:30pm at Le Diplomate under "**Ex. 6/7C**"?

Thank you,

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From: Bethany Davis
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:20 AM
To: 'Hupp, Sydney' <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

On the calendar. Thanks!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

May we try for the 14th, please? So sorry to keep changing it.

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6 c)

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

Would any of the following work:

May 30
June 1
June 13
June 14

If not, I'm looking at the last week of June.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon! Hate to do this again but could we reschedule dinner? We now have to be traveling on the 31st. So sorry!!

Sydney Hupp
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[Ex. 6](c)

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you again.

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I'll get it on the calendar!

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Yes, that would be great. Thank you.

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

How about the 31st? Same time and place?

Thank you!

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[Ex. 6] (c)

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Could we reschedule to May 30, May 31, June 1, June 13 or June 14?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon Bethany,

I so hate to do this last minute but could we perhaps reschedule? I think we are going to end up stuck here this evening.

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp
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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

Bethany Davis

On May 4, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

We are all set for 6:30 on Monday evening. The reservation is under "**Ex. 6/7C**"

Please let me know if you need anything further.
michelle

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

That is fine. Thank you!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I was actually going to email you about this, can we move the time up to 6:30?

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Are we still on for Monday at 7:30PM at Le Diplomate?

Thank you,

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Tel: [Ex. 6] Fax: 202-955-0621

From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

That sounds great! Michelle, would you mind making the reservation, please?

Sydney Hupp
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[Ex. 6]

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Let's hold 7:30PM on Monday, May 8th at Le Diplomate, and we can always change the time/place as needed.
Let me know if that works.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

How about may 8th? Possibly at Le Diplomat?

Sydney Hupp
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling
[Ex. 6]

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

He could do a 7:00/7:30pm dinner any of the following:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->April 13
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->April 18
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->April 20
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->May 8
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->May 30
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->May 31
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->June 1

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Bethany,

Thank you for reaching out! We would love to set something up. Please provide some dates at your convenience.

Thanks!

Sydney Hupp
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling
[Ex. 6]

From: Hale, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Bethany, thank you for reaching out. Sydney will be in touch.

Have a great evening.
Michelle

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Dear Sydney and Michelle,

Mr. Gray and Mr. Pruitt saw each other last Friday at the Federalist Society lunch. They discussed having dinner sometime. Let me know if I should send over some dates.

Thank you,

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Message

From: Hale, Michelle [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=CB99F5247AB8412FA017133839301FEE-HALE, MICHE]
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To: halema@oge.com
Subject: Fwd: EPA's Pruitt basks in Trump glow after Paris pullout

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Subject: EPA's Pruitt basks in Trump glow after Paris pullout
Reply-To: "POLITICO subscriptions" <reply-fe8012767261037472-982755_HTML-802295970-1376319-0@politicoemail.com>

EPA's Pruitt basks in Trump glow after Paris pullout

By Alex Guillén

06/02/2017 06:45 PM EDT

Scott Pruitt's victory in vanquishing the Paris climate agreement has given him a status few of his predecessors enjoyed — an EPA chief who is clearly his administration's public face in driving environmental policy.

Pruitt's move into the spotlight comes after weeks of White House infighting over whether to reject the global climate pact, and shows that though the the former Oklahoma attorney general isn't a member of Trump's inner circle, he's got the president's ear on energy and environmental issues.

Typically, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency toils away crafting air and water regulations and defending the administration's policies in Congress, while more prominent officials lead the charge on the grand policy vision. Those more high-profile roles went to people like John Kerry, who served as a kind of global climate ambassador when he was Barack Obama's secretary of State, or former Vice Presidents Dick Cheney and Al Gore.

But when President Donald Trump announced the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris agreement Thursday, Pruitt was the one joining him at the podium in the Rose Garden — while Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who'd wanted to stick with the deal, was nowhere to be seen. Pruitt repeated his victory lap at Friday's White House press briefing, beaming as he jousting with reporters over whether he or Trump believes that climate change is real.

Pruitt's prominence is a byproduct of how Trump views the Paris deal, former Obama climate negotiator Jonathan Pershing said Friday — through the lens of the U.S. economy, not as a worldwide fight against a common threat.

"It was a domestic agenda and not an international agenda that was dictating the policy" this week, Pershing said. "That's consistent with the way [Trump] characterized it as protecting American jobs. It was not characterized in the terms of American security being at risk because of climate change."

At Friday's press briefing, Pruitt praised Trump once again for the Paris decision, saying he had the courage to withdraw from a pact that would have benefited other countries as the expense of the U.S. economy.

"We owe no apologies to other nations for our environmental stewardship," said Pruitt, who had celebrated his win Thursday night with a dinner with staffers at the French-themed D.C. bistro Le Diplomate.

Tillerson, meanwhile, declined to endorse Trump's move at a separate press appearance Friday, calling it "a policy decision."

Despite months of behind-the-scenes debating over Paris that pitted Pruitt and Trump adviser Steve Bannon against Tillerson, Ivanka Trump and top economic adviser Gary Cohn, Pruitt sought to downplay his own influence over the president, saying he won on the merits.

In an appearance on Fox News Thursday evening, Pruitt dismissed the idea there had been an epic struggle as "simply legend."

"What happened in this process is what happens with every decision the president makes," Pruitt said. "He had advisers around him informing, equipping, helping him make a decision. The debate was good and strong and meaningful amongst all voices and the president made an informed decision."

But Pruitt has emerged as a power player inside the administration who appears to have the confidence of the president.

"It's all eyes on Pruitt because there's a lot of big issues regarding how the Trump administration addresses climate change," said Nick Loris, an economist at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Pruitt's prominence is at least partly due to the fact that climate change isn't a top issue in the administration.

"There's just fewer cooks in the kitchen because addressing climate change is clearly not a priority for Trump," Loris said. And given how he fought against the Obama climate agenda while serving as Oklahoma's attorney general, "I'm not surprised he's spreading his wings to the international stage," he added.

Pruitt has already proven himself a successful operator in carrying out Trump's deregulation agenda.

He has had significant early success in pausing several key Obama-era regulations that were still in court, including a sweeping carbon regulation for power plants, ozone pollution limits and the Waters of the U.S. rule that defines which wetlands, streams and rivers fall under federal rules. The repeal process for those rules could take years, but Pruitt is well positioned to succeed in the task.

And in the meantime, Pruitt has canceled an EPA information request that would have set the stage for methane pollution limits for oil and gas wells, re-opened emissions standards for future vehicles and taken steps to modify other Obama-era regulations.

With his Paris win, Pruitt is positioning himself as the administration's leading voice on the international issues surrounding climate change.

On Fox News, Pruitt downplayed the potential diplomatic harm of the Paris decision, noting that the U.S. pulled out of the Kyoto Protocol in 2001 but weathered criticisms over that as well.

"If you go back and read, in March and April of 2001, the criticisms that was being led against President Bush, you can read the comments from the German chancellor, they're almost identical to the ones today."

However, Bush administration officials at the time found themselves surprised by other nations' strong reactions.

Then-Secretary of State Colin Powell said in 2002 that the "blowback" from Europe "was a sobering experience that everything the American president does has international repercussions." And Condoleezza Rice, at the time George W. Bush's national security adviser, wrote in a 2011 memoir that the Kyoto withdrawal was "a self-inflicted wound that could have been avoided."

Pruitt may soon find out just how angry his international counterparts are.

He will head to Italy on June 11 and 12 for an environmental ministerial meeting connected to the G-7 summit Trump recently attended. Italy, along with Germany and France, said in a statement Thursday that there is no re-negotiating the Paris agreement, despite what Trump promised Thursday.

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Subject: Re: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

That should be no problem!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2017, at 7:12 PM, Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com> wrote:

Michelle,

Does Administrator Pruitt have flexibility if for any reason Amb. Gray were to be 10-15 minutes late? He has a last minute appointment in the morning and just wanted to safe on timing. He's looking forward to the lunch.

Thank you,

Bethany Davis Horyn

On Jul 6, 2017, at 9:31 AM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you!

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Michelle,

No problem! I will be out of town tomorrow through Tuesday. I'll check my email but if there is an emergency my personal cell is Ex. 6

Thank you,

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Washington, DC 20006
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From: Hale, Michelle [mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>

Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for the super quick turnaround! He will use the Visitors' Entrance at 17th and State Place.

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:21 AM

To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Michelle,

Full legal name: Clayland Boyden Gray

Date of birth: [Ex. 6]

Place of birth: [Ex. 6]

SS#: [Ex. 6]

Current city of residence: Washington, DC

What entrance should he use on Tuesday?

Thank you,

Bethany Davis Horyn | BOYDEN GRAY & ASSOCIATES

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Tel: [Ex. 6] Fax: 202-955-0621

From: Hale, Michelle [mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:11 AM

To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>

Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good morning, Bethany. Could I get Ambassador Gray's personal information in order to have him cleared thru WAVES for lunch next week at the White House Mess? I will need the following information:

Full legal name:

Date of birth:

Place of birth:

SS#:

Current city of residence:

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Michelle Hale

Executive Assistant to the Administrator

Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW,

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Thank you!

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Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Yes please.

Sydney Hupp
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[Ex. 6] (c)

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Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sounds good. 12:00pm?

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
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To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl
<Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Okay, we can do the White House Mess!

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Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

We were already thinking about cancelling a trip he has then so this is a great excuse.

Let's go with July 11. Wherever the Administrator would like is fine with us.

Thank you,

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July 10 or 11 lunch are actually the only ones that would work for us. Can we try one of those?

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Sydney,

He will be out of town unfortunately.

I have the following:

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Lunch: June 23, July 14

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July 17 is the last day he will be in DC until after Labor Day. I know he would like to reschedule before then.

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Unfortunately we will be out of town that day. What about Tuesday next week?

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Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Could he do lunch the following Friday, June 23 at the White House Mess?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl
<Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hey Bethany,

So the Administrator is canceling the rest of the day and headed home sick. I think he was going to text the Ambassador and let him know but I wanted to shoot you an email as well. I am going to make reservations for breakfast and lunch at the White House Mess on Friday in hopes that he might be able to join him for one. So sorry it is so last minute!

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From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

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Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

The reservation is now under Michelle Hale. The Administrator is looking forward to it as well!

Thank you!

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
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To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Amb. Gray is very much looking forward to their dinner tomorrow evening.

Are they still on for 6:30pm at Le Diplomate under "[Ex. 6/7C]"?

Thank you,

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From: Bethany Davis
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:20 AM
To: 'Hupp, Sydney' <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

On the calendar. Thanks!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

May we try for the 14th, please? So sorry to keep changing it.

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

Would any of the following work:

May 30

June 1

June 13

June 14

If not, I'm looking at the last week of June.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon! Hate to do this again but could we reschedule dinner? We now have to be traveling on the 31st. So sorry!!

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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you again.

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:25 AM

To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I'll get it on the calendar!

Sydney Hupp

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[Ex. 6] (c)

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]

Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:18 AM

To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Yes, that would be great. Thank you.

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:07 AM

To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

How about the 31st? Same time and place?

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp

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[Ex. 6] (c)

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]

Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 4:45 PM

To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Could we reschedule to May 30, May 31, June 1, June 13 or June 14?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon Bethany,

I so hate to do this last minute but could we perhaps reschedule? I think we are going to end up stuck here this evening.

Thank you!

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Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

Bethany Davis

On May 4, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

We are all set for 6:30 on Monday evening. The reservation is under
"[Ex. 6/7C]"

Please let me know if you need anything further.
michelle

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

That is fine. Thank you!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I was actually going to email you about this, can we move the time up to 6:30?

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From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Are we still on for Monday at 7:30PM at Le Diplomate?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

That sounds great! Michelle, would you mind making the reservation, please?

Sydney Hupp
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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Let's hold 7:30PM on Monday, May 8th at Le Diplomate, and we can always change the time/place as needed.
Let me know if that works.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

How about may 8th? Possibly at Le Diplomat?

Sydney Hupp
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[Ex. 6]

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

He could do a 7:00/7:30pm dinner any of the following:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->April 13
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->April 18
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->April 20
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->May 8
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->May 30
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->May 31
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->June 1

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Bethany,

Thank you for reaching out! We would love to set something up. Please provide some dates at your convenience.

Thanks!

Sydney Hupp
Office of the Administrator- Scheduling
[Ex. 6]

From: Hale, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Bethany, thank you for reaching out. Sydney will be in touch.

Have a great evening.
Michelle

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Dear Sydney and Michelle,

Mr. Gray and Mr. Pruitt saw each other last Friday at the Federalist Society lunch. They discussed having dinner sometime. Let me know if I should send over some dates.

Thank you,

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Message

From: Morris, Madeline [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=F42C86B4A2044779972AC94E098F0304-MORRIS, MAD]
Sent: 7/11/2017 2:37:32 PM
To: Bethany Davis [bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]; Hale, Michelle [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=cb99f5247ab8412fa017133839301fee-Hale, Miche]
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for the update!

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

He will be on time. His appointment ended and his back downtown.

Thank you!

Bethany Davis Horyn

On Jul 10, 2017, at 10:00 PM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

That should be no problem!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 10, 2017, at 7:12 PM, Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com> wrote:

Michelle,

Does Administrator Pruitt have flexibility if for any reason Amb. Gray were to be 10-15 minutes late?

He has a last minute appointment in the morning and just wanted to safe on timing. He's looking forward to the lunch.

Thank you,

Bethany Davis Horyn

On Jul 6, 2017, at 9:31 AM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you!

From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:30 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Michelle,

No problem! I will be out of town tomorrow through Tuesday. I'll check my email but if there is an emergency my personal cell is Ex. 6

Thank you,

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From: Hale, Michelle [<mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:29 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thanks for the super quick turnaround! He will use the Visitors' Entrance at 17th and State Place.

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Michelle,

Full legal name: Clayland Boyden Gray
Date of birth: Ex. 6
Place of birth: Ex. 6
SS#: Ex. 6
Current city of residence: Washington, DC

What entrance should he use on Tuesday?

Thank you,

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From: Hale, Michelle [<mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:11 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good morning, Bethany. Could I get Ambassador Gray's personal information in order to have him cleared thru WAVES for lunch next week at the White House Mess? I will need the following information:

Full legal name:
Date of birth:
Place of birth:
SS#:
Current city of residence:

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Michelle Hale
Executive Assistant to the Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW,
WJCS, Suite 3000
Washington, D.C. 20460
(202) 564-1430

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To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Unfortunately we will be out of town that day. What about Tuesday next week?

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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:19 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Could he do lunch the following Friday, June 23 at the White House Mess?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Woodward, Cheryl <Woodward.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hey Bethany,

So the Administrator is canceling the rest of the day and headed home sick. I think he was going to text the Ambassador and let him know but I wanted to shoot you an email as well. I am going to make reservations for breakfast and lunch at the White House Mess on Friday in hopes that he might be able to join him for one. So sorry it is so last minute!

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

The reservation is now under Michelle Hale. The Administrator is looking forward to it as well!

Thank you!

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Amb. Gray is very much looking forward to their dinner tomorrow evening.

Are they still on for 6:30pm at Le Diplomate under **Ex. 6/7C**?

Thank you,

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From: Bethany Davis
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:20 AM
To: 'Hupp, Sydney' <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

On the calendar. Thanks!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

May we try for the 14th, please? So sorry to keep changing it.

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

Would any of the following work:

May 30
June 1
June 13
June 14

If not, I'm looking at the last week of June.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:06 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Cc: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon! Hate to do this again but could we reschedule dinner? We now have to be traveling on the 31st. So sorry!!

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you again.

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I'll get it on the calendar!

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Yes, that would be great. Thank you.

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

How about the 31st? Same time and place?

Thank you!

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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis [<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 4:45 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Could we reschedule to May 30, May 31, June 1, June 13 or June 14?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Bethany Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Good afternoon Bethany,

I so hate to do this last minute but could we perhaps reschedule? I think we are going to end up stuck here this evening.

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp
Executive Scheduler

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From: Bethany Davis [mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Thank you!

Bethany Davis

On May 4, 2017, at 4:36 PM, Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov> wrote:

We are all set for 6:30 on Monday evening. The reservation is under **Ex. 6/7C**

Please let me know if you need anything further.
michelle

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

That is fine. Thank you!

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

I was actually going to email you about this, can we move the time up to 6:30?

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Ex. 6 (c)

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 1:09 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Are we still on for Monday at 7:30PM at Le Diplomate?

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

That sounds great! Michelle, would you mind making the reservation, please?

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[Ex. 6]

From: Bethany Davis
[mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Sydney,

Let's hold 7:30PM on Monday, May 8th at Le Diplomate, and we can always change the time/place as needed. Let me know if that works.

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hale, Michelle
<hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

How about may 8th? Possibly at Le Diplomat?

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Ex. 6

From: Bethany Davis
[<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 3:48 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale,
Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

He could do a 7:00/7:30pm dinner any of the following:

- April 13
- April 18
- April 20
- May 8
- May 30
- May 31
- June 1

Thank you,

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From: Hupp, Sydney [<mailto:hupp.sydney@epa.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Bethany
Davis <bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Hi Bethany,

Thank you for reaching out! We would love to set something up. Please provide some dates at your convenience.

Thanks!

Sydney Hupp
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Ex. 6

From: Hale, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Bethany Davis
<bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>; Hupp, Sydney
<hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Bethany, thank you for reaching out. Sydney will be in touch.

Have a great evening.
Michelle

From: Bethany Davis
[<mailto:bethany@boydengrayassociates.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 4:25 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: Dinner with EPA Administrator Pruitt

Dear Sydney and Michelle,

Mr. Gray and Mr. Pruitt saw each other last Friday at the Federalist Society lunch. They discussed having dinner sometime. Let me know if I should send over some dates.

Thank you,

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From: Morris, Madeline
Location: Le Diplomate
Importance: Normal
Subject: Dinner with Sec. Ross
Start Date/Time: Tue 7/25/2017 11:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 7/26/2017 12:30:00 AM

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POC: Brooke Alexander

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Anna Palmer Jake Sherman Daniel Lippman
Sent: Thur 10/26/2017 10:26:38 AM
Subject: POLITICO Playbook, presented by Chevron: Playbook's FOUR TRUTHS about tax reform -- BUDGET VOTE TODAY, amid concerns about state and local tax provision -- PELOSI predicts Dem majority if tax reform stumbles -- SPOTTED: JARED at Dulles -- B'DAY: Katy Tur

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Driving the Day

POSTCARD FROM GERMANY -- POLITICO Brussels Playbooker Ryan Heath is on stage with John Boehner at American Chamber of Commerce Transatlantic Business Conference in Frankfurt. Boehner told the German audience that Donald Trump is the "least ideological person to ever hold the office," and described the White House as "survival of the fittest." His advice to foreign companies and governments: "engagement works."

Happy Thursday. PRESIDENT TRUMP says the JFK files -- long kept private -- will be unsealed today.

The tax reform debate has been humming along behind closed doors. It's about to go public. Here are some things to keep in mind. **PLAYBOOK'S FOUR TRUTHS ABOUT TAX REFORM:**

-- THIS TAX PLAN WILL LIVE AND DIE 1 MILLION TIMES. We've seen it before: legislation gets declared dead as a doornail, and then is revived, brought back to life and passes with much fanfare. Expect ups and downs here. Right now, the issue at hand is the state and local tax deduction. Lawmakers from high-tax states say they don't want to scrap it, and if they don't get assurances, some have threatened that they'll take down the budget. Remember that this process will be like a rollercoaster. Take it with a grain of salt when some random lawmaker opines on the prospects of the bill, or the process. Until Paul Ryan or Mitch McConnell pull the plug, this thing is alive and kicking. **Brian Faler on "Six things that could derail the GOP's tax plans":**
<http://politi.co/2y6H0tq>

-- IGNORE THE TIMEFRAME. There really is no deadline to get tax reform done. The

end-of-the-year proclamations are silly, according to most of the people we talk to. This could -- and many think it should -- take time. It's tough (just ask the WSJ's Rich Rubin). It's complicated. Congress is rewriting the entire tax code -- and that affects everyone in the United States. Plenty of lawmakers tell us it **SHOULD** take something like six months.

-- **A 60-40 PROPOSITION, AT BEST, NOT A DONE DEAL.** At the end of the day, all the senior aides and lawmakers we speak to say that this remains, at best, a 60-40 proposition. Yeah, Republicans feel pretty good about where things are. But that's mostly out of fear of losing their majorities. Many things can stop this process dead in its tracks.

-- **THIS IS UNLIKELY TO BE HUGELY BIPARTISAN.** Some Republicans want you to believe that Democrats are knocking on their doors to vote for whatever they produce. It's not true. They might pick up one or two in the Senate. But this is a Grand Ole' Party production.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS will go to the floor today to try to pass Senate's budget, despite unease from some conservatives about the deficit and debt projections, and misgivings from blue state Republicans about scrapping the coveted state and local tax deduction. GOP leaders canceled a 9 p.m. meeting last night to discuss the state-and-local tax issue -- a sign they feel pretty good. **THE BUDGET** is the first step to tax reform.

-- **THE DETAILS**, from Rich Rubin, Anne Tergesen and Siobhan Hughes in the WSJ: "One option is replacing the [state and local tax] deduction with a tax credit worth between 8% and 20% of a household's property tax payments, with caps for married couples that start somewhere between income of \$250,000 and \$400,000, said Rep. Tom Reed (R-N.Y.). Instead of generating \$1.3 trillion over a decade to offset lower tax rates, as repeal of the state and local deduction would do, he said the idea would yield between \$600 billion and \$1 trillion. Some versions of the credit concept also include mortgage interest." <http://on.wsj.com/2yM1M16>

KNOWING KEVIN BRADY -- RACHAEL BADE: "GOP's beloved taxman about to be 'the most hated guy in Washington'": "House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady has spent the better part of a year crafting a Republican tax reform bill. But on the cusp of the plan's long-awaited unveiling, the House GOP's point man on taxes has had to retool the proposal at least twice in 48 hours. ... And the bill hasn't even been made public yet." <http://bit.ly/2yTdJSr>

-- **PELOSI, BEHIND THE SCENES** -- Heather Caygle and Aaron Lorenzo: "House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) is convinced another GOP crash-and-burn would likely hand Democrats the House next year, so there's no political upside to playing ball. 'You will be in the majority' if Republicans continue to stumble, Pelosi said during a closed-door caucus meeting on Tuesday, according to sources in the room." <http://politi.co/2gK1Szd>

TRUMP'S ADMINISTRATION -- "Mnuchin struggles to earn trust on the Hill," by Nancy Cook: "Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin is the de facto frontman for the administration's proposed overhaul of the U.S. tax system because of his extreme loyalty to President Donald Trump and the scores of tax policy experts and economists at his command.

"But Mnuchin, a former investment banker and movie financier with no prior experience in Washington, hasn't been able to overcome Republicans' suspicion about his Wall Street background and limited conservative credentials. That may complicate White House efforts to influence debate as the details of a tax bill are written."
<http://politi.co/2haCvDZ>

-- **"Tillerson's power play,"** by Nahal Toosi: "A leaked State Department document is alarming diplomats and others who say it shows the accumulation of power among a small and unaccountable group of senior aides to Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. The chart, obtained by POLITICO, illustrates the growing influence of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff, which traditionally has served as an in-house think tank but which Tillerson heavily relies upon for day-to-day decision making.

"Critics already complain that the office -- led by Brian Hook, a powerful Tillerson aide not subject to Senate confirmation - accepts too little input from career diplomats, and the chart, which lays out a method to craft foreign policy, shows no explicit role for them. The chart appears to show a top-down approach in which ideas emanate from the secretary's inner circle rather than bubbling up from diverse sources, including Foreign Service officers in the field. More than half a dozen current and former U.S. officials who have seen the document said it reveals an unusual level of control and oversight by the Policy Planning Staff." <http://politi.co/2xo0MfC>

THE RETIREES ... SEUNG MIN KIM: "Flake won't be 'vindictive' toward Trump agenda: The retiring GOP senator says he won't automatically vote against GOP priorities - but he plans to rev up oversight of the administration": "Sen. Jeff Flake was never shy about his distaste for Donald Trump's politics. But one day after his dramatic retirement speech skewering the president, he told POLITICO that he's not 'vindictive' -- suggesting he won't simply be a knee-jerk vote against Trump's agenda. 'I don't know that it's that different. I'm going to work on issues that I'm for,' the Arizona Republican said of his legislative approach going forward. 'I'm not out [to be] vindictive.'" <http://politi.co/2gFQFMq>

-- **"Corker vows to get answers on Trump's Russia sanctions delay,"** by Elana Schor: "The chief GOP architect of a Russia sanctions package that Congress overwhelmingly approved earlier this year vowed Wednesday to find out why the Trump administration has delayed using its new powers to punish Moscow. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) - an author of the massive sanctions bill that President Donald Trump signed in August - told reporters that 'I'm going to get on the phone with someone' within 24 hours to get details on why the

administration missed the law's Oct. 1 deadline to hit certain Russian entities with new penalties." <http://politi.co/2z7D23Y>

***** **A message from Chevron:** When an endangered butterfly was found near a Chevron refinery, we protected the habitat and still plant the only thing they eat-buckwheat. Watch the video: <http://politi.co/2y4Q3vf> *****

TRUMP FOR YELLEN? From Fox Business Network's Lou Dobbs' interview with Trump -- **TRUMP:** "Tell me who your preference is." **DOBBS:** "I think I -- may I constrain myself?" **TRUMP:** "Yes." **DOBBS:** "Because an ad hoc advisor to the president" **TRUMP:** "No, but I'd love to hear it. You could even cut it out if you want. You don't have to -- I would love to hear you. I only want that from people I respect." **DOBBS:** "I personally believe that Janet Yellen might be worth keeping."

TRUMP: "I tell you what, she was in my office three days ago. She was very impressive. I liked her a lot. I mean, it's somebody that I am thinking about. I would certainly think about it. In one way, I have to say ... In one way, I have to say you'd like to make your own mark. ... You like to make your own mark, which is maybe one of the things she's got a little bit against her. But I think she's terrific. We had a great talk. And we're obviously doing very well together, you look at the markets."

HMM ... -- "Trump associate Cohen sold four NY buildings for cash to mysterious buyers," by Peter Stone and Greg Gordon in McClatchy: "Donald Trump's long time business lawyer Michael Cohen may be best known for his aggressive campaign television defenses of the real estate mogul, his role in an abortive effort to build a Trump Tower in Moscow and allegations that he attended a meeting last summer with Russians in Europe. But while serving as a top executive at the Trump Organization for a decade, Cohen himself was a sometime New York real estate wheeler dealer whose companies appear to have netted as much as \$20 million in profit by flipping properties to mysterious buyers." <http://bit.ly/2gFKmZA>

CNN's OLIVER DARCY -- "Five women accuse journalist and 'Game Change' co-author Mark Halperin of sexual harassment": "Veteran journalist Mark Halperin sexually harassed women while he was in a powerful position at ABC News, according to five women who shared their previously undisclosed accounts with CNN and others who did not experience the alleged harassment personally, but were aware of it. 'During this period, I did pursue relationships with women that I worked with, including some junior to me,' Halperin said in a statement to CNN Wednesday night. 'I now understand from these accounts that my behavior was inappropriate and caused others pain. For that, I am deeply sorry and I apologize. Under the circumstances, I'm going to take a step back from my day-to-day work while I properly deal with this situation.'

...

"[W]omen who spoke to CNN say he ... had a dark side not made public until now. The stories of harassment shared with CNN range in nature from propositioning employees for sex to kissing and grabbing one's breasts against her will. Three of the women who spoke to CNN described Halperin as, without consent, pressing an erection

against their bodies while he was clothed. Halperin denies grabbing a woman's breasts and pressing his genitals against the three women." <http://cnnmon.ie/2gCjgm2>

MCCONNELL IN CHARGE -- JOHN BRESNAHAN: "McConnell, Cornyn firmly in charge despite flak from right": "Despite a near constant barrage of attacks from Sean Hannity, Steve Bannon and the Breitbart wing of the GOP, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and other top Senate Republicans remain firmly in charge. There is no threat of a leadership challenge to McConnell or any of the other highest-ranking Republicans, and their support inside the GOP Conference remains rock solid.

"Yet there is also no question that Senate Republicans are feeling the heat from the unhappy GOP base, especially the strongest pro-Trump elements of the party. In response, many Republicans are tying themselves ever closer to President Donald Trump. So while the media, Democrats and even some of their own colleagues - those who are not seeking reelection especially - hammer on Trump's alleged ethical lapses, poor poll numbers, and legislative failures, wrapping yourself in Trump's mantle is the smartest way to survive for party leaders on Capitol Hill." <http://politi.co/2y5rhem>

GOP CIVIL WAR -- "McConnell allies declare open warfare on Bannon," by WaPo's Dave Weigel, Michael Scherer and Bob Costa: "Allies of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell declared open warfare on Wednesday against Stephen K. Bannon, the former White House chief strategist and leader of an insurrection aimed at defeating mainstream Republican candidates in next year's midterm elections. ... [T]he McConnell-allied Senate Leadership Fund (SLF) will highlight Bannon's hard-line populism and attempt to link him to white nationalism to discredit him and the candidates he will support. It will also boost candidates with traditional GOP profiles and excoriate those tied to Bannon, with plans to spend millions and launch a heavy social media presence in some states." <http://wapo.st/2i5svLE>

-- NYT'S JONATHAN MARTIN and JEREMY PETERS: "As G.O.P. Bends Toward Trump, Critics Either Give In or Give Up" <http://nyti.ms/2iAJlpK>

-- @davidmackau: "Q: Should you be more civil? Trump: Press makes me more uncivil than I am... I went to an Ivy League college. I'm a very intelligent person". <http://bit.ly/2yTWMr7>

TRUMP'S THURSDAY -- Trump will discuss the opioid crisis. He will also meet with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

-- FOR YOUR RADAR: "Vice President Pence to visit Israel and Egypt in December," by AP's Ken Thomas and Jill Colvin: "The vice president's trip is expected to take him to Israel during Hanukkah, where he'll discuss the prospects for a Middle East peace agreement in separate meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. Pence is also expected to address U.S. policy toward Iran and highlight Israel's space program -- a favorite issue." <http://bit.ly/2zQYAYP>

ABOUT THAT OPIOID ANNOUNCEMENT ... -- "Senior health officials in the dark about Trump's opioid declaration," by Sarah Karlin-Smith and Brianna Ehley: "Top federal health officials responding to the opioid epidemic still don't know what President Donald Trump will say when he makes a highly anticipated announcement about the crisis Thursday afternoon. 'We don't have information about what the announcement will be, and so I can't comment on it. I honestly don't know,' Assistant HHS Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use Elinore McCance-Katz told POLITICO on Wednesday while appearing at a House Energy and Commerce Committee hearing on the federal response to the epidemic.

"She said the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which is responsible for federal treatment programs, has not been collaborating with the White House in the run-up to the the announcement, which is expected to include a formal declaration that the epidemic is a federal emergency. CDC Principal Deputy Director Anne Schuchat was similarly out of the loop. A spokesperson for the DEA said she had no information but added that the agency will be involved 'to an extent.'"
<http://politi.co/2gFa5kE>

-- "Trump to declare public health emergency for opioids, a partial measure to fight drug epidemic," by USA Today's Gregory Korte: "President Trump will order his health secretary to declare the opioid crisis a public health emergency Thursday - but will stop short of declaring a more sweeping state of national emergency, aides said. ... Trump will sign a presidential memorandum ordering Acting Secretary of Health and Human Services Eric Hargan to waive regulations and give states more flexibility in how they use federal funds, said four senior officials responsible for crafting the administration's new opioid policy." <https://usat.ly/2yNbsZq>

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: Ivanka Trump leaves after speaking at a news conference promoting an expanded child tax credit on Capitol Hill on Oct. 25. | Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP Photo

CONGRATS! KATIE PUDWILL, POLITICO's director of communications, was named to PR News's 2017 List of Rising PR Stars 30 & Under. <http://bit.ly/2iyD9P5>

FIRST IN PLAYBOOK - WHAT STEVE BANNON told **KEITH KOFFLER** for his upcoming biography of him, "Bannon: Always the Rebel" (out Nov. 13) - the publisher says Bannon gave 10 hours of interviews for the book: "Populist nationalism is the winner of what we're doing now. It is on the right side of history. The only debate going forward will be: Will it be [British Labor Party leader] Jeremy Corbyn's and Bernie Sanders views of populism or Donald Trump's view and [Indian Prime Minister] Modi's

view of populism -- whether it will be a culturally right and economically conservative or whether it will be socialistic." **\$18.29 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2yNWm5E>

JARED WATCH -- "Kushner will take a diminished role on Trump's China trip," by Annie Karni and Andrew Restuccia: "[A]s Trump heads to Asia for the first time as president next month -- a trip that will include a high-stakes reunion with a newly empowered Chinese President Xi Jinping on his home turf -- Trump's son-in-law is expected to see his diplomatic role greatly diminished.

"Kushner's shrinking role on the international stage is seen by some White House officials as another sign of Trump's new chief of staff, John Kelly, standardizing a previously unorthodox power structure. Other White House aides say it's evidence of a lean administration finally filling out and now running at full power. Kushner, they say, was moving away from the China portfolio pre-Kelly, dropping responsibilities he held as recently as April, when he helped plan Xi's visit to Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida." <http://politi.co/2qlj2NI>

--**SPOTTED: JARED KUSHNER** walking through Dulles terminal A around 3:15 p.m. yesterday.

-- **LOCAL NEWS: "David Rubenstein, Private Equity Titan, Passes the Torch,"** by NYT's David Gelles and Michael J. de la Merced. <http://nyti.ms/2gGr3PR>

ON RUSSIA -- "Trump-Linked Company Reached Out to WikiLeaks on Hacked Emails," by WSJ's Rebecca Ballhaus: "The chief executive of a data-analytics firm that worked for President Donald Trump's campaign reached out to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to offer help organizing the Hillary Clinton-related emails the website was releasing, according to a person familiar with the effort.

"The outreach by the CEO of the firm, which is partly owned by a major Trump donor and has close ties to a Trump adviser, came as Mr. Trump was publicly cheering the leaks of his Democratic rival's emails and some supporters were seeking to unearth further messages. In an email sent in late July 2016 and recently reviewed by the person, Cambridge Analytica CEO Alexander Nix told other employees at the firm and Rebekah Mercer, a top Republican donor, that he had recently reached out to Mr. Assange to offer help better indexing the messages WikiLeaks was releasing to make them more easily searchable." <http://on.wsj.com/2iA2jwH>

GEOFFREY KABASERVICE in Politico Magazine -- **"The Deep Roots of Jeff Flake's Break With Trump:** Republican elites were always wary of the GOP base, for their own survival. But now, the restive, angry conservative grass roots are running the party": "[I]n the long view of history, there's nothing particularly surprising about the party's current chaos. It's a logical consequence of the conservative grass roots' takeover of the GOP. Over the past half-century, many Republicans had warned party leaders to keep their distance from the base, seeing it as something like the One Ring in The Lord of the Rings--too powerful and dangerous to be controlled. Now, the predictions of those

Cassandras are coming true and the conservative movement is destroying the Republican Party from within." <http://politi.co/2gKrbkJ>

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HARASSMENT WATCH -- "Brookings Cuts Ties With Literary Giant Accused Of Sexually Harassing Female Employees," by BuzzFeed's John Hudson: "The Brookings Institution has severed ties with Leon Wieseltier, a prominent figure in the literary world and a senior fellow at the think tank, following a wave of accusations from women who accused him of sexual harassment and unwanted advances. After initially suspending Wieseltier, Brookings President Strobe Talbott sent out a memo to employees on Wednesday afternoon saying he is no longer employed at the think tank, three employees told BuzzFeed News." <http://bzfd.it/2iCdwwB>

-- **"Blogger amends vow to publish list of 'Shi**y Media Men,'"** by Michael Calderone and Jason Schwartz: "A right-wing blogger and filmmaker who promised to publish the names of male journalists who were cited by female colleagues as sexual harassers on the list of 'Shi**y Media Men' told POLITICO on Wednesday that he was holding back, calling the men on the list and consulting with his lawyer.

"Blogger Mike Cernovich had announced his intention to publish the list 'in a few minutes' after obtaining it on Saturday and later identified two journalists on it and the accusations against them. The list contains the names of more than 70 men in media who were alleged to have committed acts ranging for 'creepy' direct messages to rape, according to women who added their names as the list was passed around in the wake of the Harvey Weinstein scandal." <http://politi.co/2zR6OHA>

MEDIAWATCH -- YASHAR ALI PROFILE -- "Who Is Yashar? The long, unusual, political story behind the man who's breaking all kinds of news these days, from Fox News to Harvey Weinstein," by BuzzFeed's Steven Perlberg: "[H]is previous career [was as] a major fundraiser for Hillary Clinton's 2008 campaign and an aide to former San Francisco mayor and current California lieutenant governor Gavin Newsom. Now, he says, he is focusing on reporting ... People close to the 37-year-old describe him as a driven, wealthy Renaissance man who gets obsessed with various topics and finds a way to succeed at them - and they aren't surprised that his new interest happens to be journalism.

"Other Democratic officials are dumbfounded by Yashar's career change, and they wonder how someone could develop sources in the entertainment, media, and intelligence communities seemingly overnight (though Yashar's reporting largely hasn't been disputed). ... In recent months, Yashar's time in media has caught the eye of editors who have tried to court the reporter for a full-time job. He is in early talks with

one major network, according to a person familiar with the matter. He has also been approached by BuzzFeed News." <http://bzfd.it/2izWf7y>

-- **"Bill O'Reilly May Wind Up at Sinclair Broadcasting,"** by NBC News' Claire Atkinson: Bill O'Reilly, the former Fox News anchor, has been negotiating for a position with the Sinclair Broadcast Group, the nation's largest television-station owner, according to two sources familiar with the talks. Sinclair, known for its conservative commentary, is continuing with the talks despite the sexual harassment cases that cost O'Reilly his job at Fox this year ... Last week, The New York Times reported that O'Reilly had settled a \$32 million sexual harassment claim against him by a former legal analyst, Lis Wiehl. The sources said the news does not appear to have sidelined the talks. 'They took a pause but it didn't really change anything for them,' one of the sources said." <http://nbcnews.to/2lfevUu>

-- **"Ronan Farrow is working on another Weinstein exposé,"** by Page Six's Oli Coleman: "We're told that Farrow's making calls to potential sources for another New Yorker article to follow his blockbuster exposé on sexual harassment claims against the movie mogul. ... [An] insider said the piece may focus on the movie company's culture, which allowed Weinstein to prey on women for years." <http://pge.sx/2i6OmCL>

HOT JOB - NYT LOOKING FOR JUSTICE DEPARTMENT REPORTER - "On any given day, this beat is at the center of stories on mass shootings, major policy developments on civil rights, terrorist plots and more. But it is also rich with enterprise potential about drugs, guns, violent crime, prisons, terrorism and national security. We are looking for someone with aggressive instincts who will keep The Times ahead on spot news as it unfolds and deliver enterprise that surprises and enlightens our readers." <http://bit.ly/2h9r3lr>

Playbookers

SPOTTED: Elliott Broidy eating lunch yesterday at the Trump Hotel with Rep. Steve Pearce (R-N.M.), who is the only declared Republican so far running for governor of New Mexico ... Bill Murray dining last night at a corner table of Le Diplomate. He ordered a seafood tower.

SPOTTED at a discussion on Trump and American politics at Walt Whitman High School: Dana Milbank, Ashley Parker (a Whitman alum), Jennifer Rubin, Michael Steel, Brian Walsh, and Sara Just.

OUT AND ABOUT -- RUPERT MURDOCH hosted a party last night at Charlie Palmer Steak to toast Laura Ingraham's new Fox News show. **SPOTTED:** Ivanka Trump, Jerry Hall, Sens. Rand Paul (R-Ky.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), Ted Cruz (R-Texas) Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), Todd Young (R-Ind.), Roger Wicker (R-Miss.) and Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Reps. Bill Flores (R-Texas), Debbie Dingell (D-Mich.), Bill Johnson (R-Ohio),

Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.), Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.), Garret Graves (R-La.), Ted Yoho (R-Fla.) and Scott Taylor (R-Va.), Jack Abernethy, Suzanne Scott, Jay Wallace, Bill Sammon, Dennis Kucinich, Bill Bennett, Newt Gingrich, Bret Baier, Shannon Bream, Chris and Lorraine Wallace, Ed Henry, Jennifer Griffin, Catherine Herridge, Chris Stirewalt, Katie Pavlich, Michael Calderone, Gillian Turner, Leacy Burke.

-- **The American Association of Political Consultants** held its "Karaoke in the Capital" last night that benefits Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. Mikayla Bouchard and Carl Hulse took the "Best in Show" award with their rendition of Darius Rucker's "Wagon Wheel." **SPOTTED:** Jordan Lieberman, Scott Goodstein, Kelly Gibson, Patrick Walling, Joe Sandler, Melissa Cressey, John Hlinko, Michael Turk and Patrick McGill.

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: **Katy Tur**, NBC News correspondent, anchor of MSNBC Live at 2 p.m. and author of "Unbelievable: My Front-Row Seat to the Craziest Campaign in American History". She's celebrating with "a long drive through the desert with Tony."

How she got her start in journalism: "I was an editorial assistant at KTLA. It's a fancy title that means you get to fetch coffee and beg to be sent out to shadow the reporters."

Read her Playbook Plus Q&A: <http://politi.co/2yT3gXd>

BIRTHDAYS: Hillary Rodham Clinton is 7-0 ... NYT White House correspondent Mark Landler ... Caren Bohan, deputy U.S. elections editor at Reuters ... Paula Faris ... Tom Johnson ... Nico Pitney, political director for NowThis ... Jef Pollock, president of Global Strategy Group (h/t Jesse Ferguson) ... Frank Lavin ... Jeff Rubin, comms director at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy (h/t TWI Comms/Dev staff) ... Rep. Emanuel Cleaver II (D-Mo.) is 73 ... Scott Jennings, former Bush 43 WH and McConnell insider, now principal at RunSwitch Public Relations in Lexington, Kentucky, and a CNN contributor, is 4-0 ... Richard Yamada ... Phil Blando ... Max McGloin ... Mark Rozell ... Ilia Rodriguez ... Aakash Kumar ... Jessica Church of the National Women's Law Center and a Hillary alum, is 27 (h/t Zack Hubbard) ... Morgan Corr ... Cotton Puryear is 54 ... WaPo's Dani Feldman ...

... **Catherine Sullivan**, managing director at Burson-Marsteller (h/t Bennett Richardson) ... Betsy Hoover, founding partner at 270 Strategies ... Politico's Clement Rousseau ... NARAL's national comms director Kaylie Hanson Long and SVP for campaigns and strategy Sasha Bruce ... Kristin Lynch, press secretary for Sen. Booker and former Colorado press guru with Rep. Jared Polis (D-Colo.) and HFA (h/ts James Owens and Kurt Bardella) ... Sasha Cohen (h/t Jewish Insider) ... Christine Stineman ... GPG's Aleta Greer ... Bianca Brosh, digital producer/editor at the Today show ... Beth Ver Steeg ... Aiden O'Connell of LCV ... Simon Boehme ... Molly Fitzgerald ... Jake O'Donnell ... Shilpa Pesaru ... Megan Lubin ... Katrina Coleman ... Kerri Forrest ... Nancy Pearson ... Graham Link ... Brian Cragin ... John Grady ... Nick Gwyn ... Jill Salyers ... Sam Speth ... Andrea Roper ... Perry Apfelbaum ... Jerry Crawford ... Michael Sabbath ... Adam Klaus ... Caroline Cunningham ... Kirk Fabel (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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Driving the Day

Happy weekend. UPDATE: As we told you earlier this week, **PRESIDENT TRUMP** is meeting with **MITCH MCCONNELL** next week. That meeting is scheduled for Monday, as of now. And the topic is the fall legislative agenda.

TRUMP has left the White House with Lindsey Graham, per pooler Chris Johnson of the Washington Blade. Johnson said golf clubs were being loaded into the motorcade.

ATTENTION REPUBLICAN MEMBERS OF CONGRESS: -- WSJ's Mike Bender, Siobhan Hughes and Kristina Peterson: "The president also has urged voters to oust lawmakers who don't support his tax overhaul plan this year; he phoned his former chief strategist, Steve Bannon, to offer encouragement after Mr. Bannon appeared on Fox News on Monday vowing to unseat sitting Republicans who don't actively support the president's agenda, said two people familiar with the call." <http://on.wsj.com/2g9ZePm>

DONALD TRUMP, OR BARACK OBAMA?, by **PETER BAKER** on A1 of the Saturday Times: "The president was frustrated. Lawmakers were not passing what he wanted. They were 'obstructionists,' he complained. So he took out his pen, signed his name to an order and took action on his own. 'We're taking a little different route than we had hoped because getting Congress - they forgot what their pledges were,' he said.

"The chief executive attacking Congress was President Trump , but his words might have been spoken by President Barack Obama. Mr. Trump has concluded that he cannot wait for a polarized Congress to act, so he is turning to executive power to accomplish what lawmakers will not, in this case erasing the legacy of the Obama years." <http://nyti.ms/2iboysE>

NOT THE MESSAGE THEY'RE LOOKING TO SEND -- "Mnuchin Says Estate Tax Repeal Will Help 'Rich People' Most," by NYT's Alan Rappeport: "President Trump and Republican leaders have positioned a proposed repeal of the estate tax as a way to help farmers, ranchers and small business owners. But on Friday, Steven Mnuchin, the Treasury secretary, offered a significant concession about who would benefit the most if the so-called death tax disappears: the rich.

"Speaking at the Institute for International Finance conference , Mr. Mnuchin said the estate tax should be eliminated for both philosophical and economic reasons. He said that many taxpayers give the government half their income during their lives and that they should not have to give away a big chunk when they die - even if their families are wealthy.

"Obviously, the estate tax, I will concede, disproportionately helps rich people," Mr. Mnuchin said of the administration's proposal to repeal the measure. Mr. Mnuchin's comments contrasted starkly with his boss, President Trump, who pilloried the estate tax in a speech in Indiana last month by saying it is a drag on the working class."
<http://nyti.ms/2gFeynK>

QUOTES OF THE DAY ...

-- JACKSON DIEHL in WaPo, "Bob Corker on Trump's biggest problem: The 'castration' of Rex Tillerson": "'You cannot publicly castrate your own secretary of state without giving yourself that binary choice,' Corker told me in a phone interview Friday. 'The tweets -- yes, you raise tension in the region [and] it's very irresponsible. But it's the first part' -- the 'castration' of Tillerson - 'that I am most exercised about.'"

-- ANOTHER NOTEWORTHY BITE: "Now that the [World War III suggestion] is out there, [Trump] will do everything in his power to prove that it is not true,' he told me. If so, the senator from Tennessee will have achieved his purpose." <http://wapo.st/2xFkVSI>

-- SEN. TED CRUZ at the Koch brothers' event in New York, per the WaPo: "Republicans could face a 'Watergate-level blowout' in the midterm elections if they don't make major legislative strides on taxes and health care, invoking the political scandal that brought down Richard Nixon's presidency and set back the GOP considerably in subsequent elections. 'If tax reform crashes and burns, if [on] Obamacare, nothing happens, we could face a bloodbath,' said Cruz, who spoke in a moderated discussion." <http://wapo.st/2ynCFRA>

WHAT DONALD TRUMP WILL NOT LIKE TO READ -- "NFL not seeking mandate for players to stand during anthem," by Reuters' Frank Pingue: "The NFL said on Friday it has no plans to mandate players stand for the U.S. national anthem, but will rather present a possible solution on how to end the controversial protests when it meets with team owners next week." <http://bit.ly/2gEmohH>

WHAT AMERICA IS WAKING UP TO -- NAPA VALLEY REGISTER: "GLIMMER OF

HOPE AMID DESTRUCTION" <http://bit.ly/2ghwAzE> ... **PALM BEACH POST**, (with photo of Paul Ryan in San Juan): "Puerto Rico's quagmire blamed on bureaucracy" <http://bit.ly/2ibeu2G> ... **DALLAS MORNING NEWS**: "Premiums could soar for millions" <http://bit.ly/2yoHTg7>

HEARTBREAKING -- FROM CALIFORNIA -- "Families Scour Burnt Ruins for Missing in California," by WSJ's Erin Ailworth, Alejandro Lazo, Ian Lovett and Zusha Elinson in Santa Rosa, California: "Family members looking for clues are sifting through the rubble of homes in neighborhoods flattened by fire. They have showed up at evacuation shelters, posted desperate notes on Facebook and filed missing-person reports with the sheriff's office. Investigators comb burned-out homes with dogs trained to locate cadavers and other human remains. More than 1,300 missing-person reports have been filed in Sonoma County alone since the start of the fires -- and more than 1,000 have ended with happy news so far. But ... [f]or now, many families remain in limbo." <http://on.wsj.com/2ynPJ9v>

-- "Wine Country fire: Huddled in pool amid blaze, wife dies in husband's arms," by San Francisco Chronicle's Erin Allay: "As fire raged all around them and smoke choked their lungs, Carmen and Armando Berriz had no choice but to cling to one another while immersed in a swimming pool behind their rented house on the north edge of Santa Rosa. They held on through the long hours of the night, until the flames that had destroyed the house on the forested cul-de-sac finally began to recede, until the heat was no longer unbearable. And just before daybreak, just as the worst of the inferno had passed, Carmen Berriz stopped breathing. She died in the arms of her husband of 55 years." <http://bit.ly/2ie2WMt>

--THE LATEST: "Firefighters carve lines around N. Calif. wildfires as death toll goes to 35," by San Francisco Chronicle's Peter Fimrite, Kimberly Veklerov and Jenna Lyons: "Signs of progress cheered battle-weary firefighters Friday after their multipronged attack using helicopters, air tankers and hand crews significantly corralled the deadly fires spreading across Northern California. Firebreaks are now encircling nearly half of each of the two biggest fires in the Wine Country as crews shield the cities of Napa, Calistoga, Geyserville, Sonoma and Santa Rosa.

"The progress was tempered by a rising death toll and new estimates of the destruction: Thirty-five were known to be dead and 5,700 structures destroyed as of Friday night. Two of the fires in California have been contained and five others burned into each other, combining forces. There are now 17 fires burning statewide, including 15 in Northern California, which have blackened 222,000 acres, or about 330 square miles." <http://bit.ly/2gjKDod>

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THE BIG PICTURE -- "In a sudden flurry, Trump looks to deliver for his voters," by

Reuters' Jim Oliphant: "For the moment, U.S. President Donald Trump is going it alone. After weeks of seeing his agenda imperiled by Republican divisions and infighting among his aides, Trump has been a whirl of activity this week, reasserting his campaign priorities and trying to deliver wins for his fervent but frustrated base of supporters.

"Trump took steps to dramatically undercut the Obamacare health system, sent notice he was willing to scuttle the nuclear deal with Iran, moved to roll back coal-plant limits, and again demanded a wall along the Mexican border. And on social media the Republican president appeared to relish his feuds with the news media, senior Republicans in Congress, and National Football League players who have protested during the national anthem.

"In a sense, it was the vintage, freewheeling Trump: throwing red meat to his voter base, following his gut, and haranguing his critics. But by the end of the week, he had made more progress in undoing the policy accomplishments of his Democratic predecessor, Barack Obama, than he had in some time." <http://reut.rs/2yJJ3Uq>

ON THE PRESIDENT'S MIND -- at 7:18 a.m.: "Health Insurance stocks, which have gone through the roof during the ObamaCare years, plunged yesterday after I ended their Dems windfall!" ... **at 7:27 a.m.:** "Very proud of my Executive Order which will allow greatly expanded access and far lower costs for HealthCare. Millions of people benefit!"

MORE HEALTH CARE FIGHTS LOOMING -- "Trump's Obamacare attack heralds new health-care battles on Capitol Hill," by WaPo's Mike DeBonis and Ed O'Keefe: "President Trump's decision Thursday to cut off crucial health-care subsidies has once again revived the long-running debate over the Affordable Care Act, increasing the potential for a government shutdown in December and making the issue central in next year's midterm elections. ...

"Trump and Republican allies defended the move as removing a giveaway for insurance companies, and they blame rising premiums on fundamental flaws in then-President Barack Obama's signature health-care reform law. But Democrats called it an act of sabotage against the ACA for which the GOP will be held responsible at the polls.

"The dispute sets the stage for another wave of political battles over the nation's health-care system, as Republican lawmakers will need to decide whether to authorize the subsidies through legislation as well as whether to once again attempt a broader repeal of the ACA, popularly known as Obamacare. Democrats could also use a Dec. 8 appropriations deadline to threaten a government shutdown if the subsidies are not restored." <http://wapo.st/2ymdX3U>

-- BLOOMBERG'S SAHIL KAPUR (@sahilkapur): "As a pure policy matter ending CSRs is the rare example of a lose-lose-lose. Raises the deficit & increases premiums to insure fewer people."

BUSINESS BURST -- FT: "Saudi Aramco considers shelving international IPO," by

Anjali Raval in London, James Fontanella-Khan and Arash Massoudi in New York and Simeon Kerr in Dubai: "Saudi Aramco is considering shelving plans for an international listing in favour of a private share sale to the world's biggest sovereign wealth funds and institutional investors. Talks about a private sale to foreign governments including China and other investors have gathered pace in recent weeks, according to five people familiar with the initial public offering preparations, amid growing concerns about the feasibility of an international listing. The Saudi state oil company has struggled to select a suitable international venue for its shares, as New York and London have vied for what has been billed as the largest ever flotation." <http://on.ft.com/2yitAd7>

-- **MOELIS**, the investment bank where Eric Cantor works, was advising the Aramco on its IPO, according to reports earlier this year.

SPOTTED IN SEOUL -- Chad O'Carroll (@chadocl): "'We need to give death to old crazy man @realDonaldTrump' - North Korea flyer I just found in Downtown Seoul" -- **pic** <http://bit.ly/2xGSmEE>

ELIANA JOHNSON: "Nikki Haley was Trump's Iran whisperer": "At a mid-day meeting in the Oval Office in late July, U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley came to President Donald Trump with an offer. Trump had grudgingly declared Tehran in compliance with the 2015 Iran nuclear deal earlier in the month, at the urging of Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Secretary of Defense James Mattis. Trump hated the deal. But the two men pushed him to certify it, arguing in part that he lacked a strong case for declaring Iran in violation. A refusal to do so would have looked rash, they said, convincing Trump sign off for another 90 days.

"Haley, in that July meeting, which also included National Security Adviser H.R. McMaster and Vice President Mike Pence, asked the president to let her make the case for decertification. 'Let me lay a foundation for it,' she said, according a source familiar with the proceedings. The president agreed. Haley would become the administration's most vocal public proponent of decertification -- and Trump's favorite internal voice on Iran -- further boosting her standing with the president at a time when she is seen as a potential successor to Tillerson, whose tense relationship with Trump has burst into the open in recent days.

"A month after her talk with Trump, Haley flew to Vienna to visit the headquarters of the International Atomic Energy Association, where she pressed officials about Iranian compliance with the deal. ... While many of the president's cabinet members, aides, and advisers work to restrain his impulses, when it came to Iran deal Haley did the opposite-channeling what many Democrats and even some Republicans consider the president's destructive instincts into policy. ... One White House official described the escalating tensions between Tillerson and Haley as reaching 'World War III' proportions." <http://politi.co/2xEJomr>

THE RUSSIA PROBE ...

-- **"Mueller's team interviewed Priebus on Friday:** 'He was happy to answer all of their questions,' the former White House chief of staff's lawyer said," by Josh Dawsey and Annie Karni. <http://politi.co/2giO7HO>

-- **"Manafort Had \$60 Million Relationship With a Russian Oligarch,"** by NBC News' Aggelos Petropoulos and Richard Engel in London: "An NBC News investigation reveals that \$26 million changed hands in the form of a loan between a company linked to Manafort and the oligarch, Oleg Deripaska, a billionaire with close ties to the Kremlin. The loan brings the total of their known business dealings to around \$60 million over the past decade, according to financial documents filed in Cyprus and the Cayman Islands.

...

"Manafort's spokesman, Jason Maloni, declined to give specific answers about the loans, but released a statement to NBC News saying, in part, 'Mr. Manafort is not indebted to former clients today, nor was he at the time he began working for the Trump campaign.' He later revised the statement, removing that sentence entirely. It now reads: 'Recent news reports indicate Mr. Manafort was under surveillance before he joined the campaign and after he left the campaign. He has called for the U.S. Government to release any intercepts involving him and non-Americans in hopes of finally putting an end to these wild conspiracy theories. Mr. Manafort did not collude with the Russian government.'" <http://nbcnews.to/2gFyxTF>

--**"FBI document cache sheds light on inner workings of Russia's U.S. news (and propaganda) network,"** by Yahoo News' Hunter Walker and Michael Isikoff: "On Jan. 23, 2017, the day he started as a Washington correspondent for Sputnik, Andrew Feinberg was emailed a copy of a 'style guide' that laid out the organization's mission. The 103-page handbook for publications of Sputnik's Kremlin-owned parent company, Rossiya Segodnya, made it clear that traditional journalistic neutrality was not the company's mandate. Instead, Sputnik reporters were told they should provide readers 'with a Russian viewpoint' on issues and 'maintain allegiance' to the country." <https://yhoo.it/2yk6mRr>

FLORIDA MAN -- "David Rivera evades U.S. Marshals," by Matt Dixon in Tallahassee: "While former congressman David Rivera runs for the Florida House, he is also running from the U.S. Marshals Service. The U.S. Marshals have attempted to serve the Miami Republican with a summons tied to a Federal Election Commission lawsuit since July, but have been unable to find him. He's also running for an open 2018 Florida House seat." <http://politi.co/2xEJz11>

Playbook Reads

PHOTO DU JOUR: President Donald Trump speaks to reporters on the South Lawn of the White House on Oct. 13. | Manuel Balce Ceneta/AP Photo

AP: "Freed family reaches Canada, says kidnappers killed 1 child," by Martin Benedyk, Rob Gillies and Jill Colvin: "Former hostage Joshua Boyle says the Haqqani network in Afghanistan killed his infant daughter and raped his American wife during the five years they were held in captivity." <http://bit.ly/2yo3LYr>

HILLARY TO MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS? -- "Hillary Clinton in talks with Columbia University to take on professor role," by N.Y. Daily News' Nancy Dillon: "The former U.S. Secretary of State and presidential nominee is in talks with Columbia University to take on a formal role at the Ivy League -- and potentially house her archives there, multiple sources told the Daily News. One option under discussion is an esteemed 'University Professor' role that would allow Clinton to lecture across a range of schools and departments without the requirement of a strict course load ... A former law professor, Clinton could maintain the vaunted but vague role indefinitely or decide at a later date she wants to settle at Columbia's celebrated law school or maybe the School of International and Public Affairs." <http://nydn.us/2z83O8t>

PLAYBOOK METRO SECTION -- "Late Justice Antonin Scalia's Virginia Home Sells for \$1.4M in Off-Market Deal," by Realtor.com's Lisa Gordon: "The six-bedroom, five-bathroom home in McLean -- just a couple of stoplights and a bridge over the Potomac from Washington, DC -- was sold in July, according to Fairfax County property records. The home ... [is] a brick Colonial with four white pillars in the front and windows with black shutters. Sitting on 1.45 wooded acres, the 3,807-square-foot home has a circular driveway and is shaded by old-growth trees." *With two pix of the house* <http://bit.ly/2znwyLt>

BOB WEINSTEIN SPEAKS -- HOLLYWOOD REPORTER: "Bob, who worked mostly in Los Angeles while Harvey presided over TWC's New York offices, says he's barely spoken to his brother over the past five years. 'I could not take his cheating, his lying and also his attitude toward everyone,' he says. While he says he knew his brother was unfaithful to wife Georgina Chapman, Bob insists he had no idea about 'the type of predator that he was' and is sickened by Harvey's seeming lack of remorse. 'I have a brother that's indefensible and crazy,' says Bob, adding, 'I want him to get the justice that he deserves.'" <http://bit.ly/2hGnLvT>

HOLLYWOODLAND -- "Weinstein Co. Exploring Sale or Shutdown," by WSJ's Ben Fritz and Erich Schwartzel: "Weinstein Co. is exploring a sale or shutdown and is unlikely to continue as an independent entity, a person close to the company said. The film and television studio's board of directors and other people close to the company have been approached by possible buyers." <http://on.wsj.com/2zntmPF>

***** **A message from Chevron:** Advanced technology is helping us find better and safer ways to deliver energy to America. We're piloting a program that uses drones, HD imaging, and thermal mapping capabilities to monitor Chevron wells, tanks, and miles of pipeline. Watch the video: <http://politi.co/2yv61yq> *****

CLICKER - "The nation's cartoonists on the week in politics," edited by Matt

Wuerker - **15 keepers** <http://politi.co/2xCXwN0>

GREAT WEEKEND READS, curated by Daniel Lippman:

--**"The Science Behind Mona Lisa's Smile,"** by Walter Isaacson in November's Atlantic, in an adaption of his new book "Leonardo da Vinci": "He is probably the only artist in history ever to dissect with his own hands the face of a human and that of a horse to see whether the muscles that move the lips are the same ones that can raise the nostrils of the horse's nose." <http://theatln.tc/2wQ8IGk> ... **\$21 on Amazon**
<http://amzn.to/2gecA11>

--**"Seven Days on the Oprah Cruise,"** by Allison P. Davis in NYMag: "At sea with a ship full of superfans, including my mom." <http://bit.ly/2hEXcY0>

--**"Why Are More American Teenagers Than Ever Suffering From Severe Anxiety?"** by Benoit Denizien-Lewis in the cover story of tomorrow's N.Y. Times Magazine: "Parents, therapists and schools are struggling to figure out whether helping anxious teenagers means protecting them or pushing them to face their fears."
<http://nyti.ms/2kPaYw3>

--**"Walden Wasn't Thoreau's Masterpiece,"** by Andrea Wulf in November's Atlantic: "In his 2-million-word journal, the transcendentalist discovered how to balance poetic wonder and scientific rigor as he explored the natural world." <http://theatln.tc/2kKzZsc> (h/t ALDaily.com)

--**"Birth of a White Supremacist,"** by Andrew Marantz in The New Yorker: "Mike Enoch's transformation from leftist contrarian to nationalist shock jock."_
<http://bit.ly/2gzvBri>

--**"How Ether Transformed Surgery from a Race against the Clock,"** by Lindsey Fitzharris in Scientific American's Oct. issue: "It took all of 28 seconds for Liston to remove Churchill's right leg, during which time the patient neither stirred nor cried out. When the man awoke a few minutes later, he reportedly asked when the surgery would begin and was answered by the sight of his elevated stump, much to the amusement of the spectators who sat astounded. The age of agony was nearing its end."
<http://bit.ly/2g5a1KM> (h/t TheBrowser.com)

--**"Russia's House of Shadows,"** by Joshua Yaffa in The New Yorker: "My apartment building was made to house the first generation of Soviet elite. Instead, it was where the revolution went to die." <http://bit.ly/2yj4vhF>

--**"Our minds can be hijacked': the tech insiders who fear a smartphone dystopia,"** by Paul Lewis in The Guardian: "Google, Twitter and Facebook workers who helped make technology so addictive are disconnecting themselves from the internet. Paul Lewis reports on the Silicon Valley refuseniks alarmed by a race for human attention." <http://bit.ly/2yfCENH>

--**"A Life on the Line: Cecilia Lam,"** by Vivian Ho in San Francisco Chronicle - per Longform.org's description: "Eight calls to 911. Three visits by five police officers. One woman's senseless death." <http://bit.ly/2ygmSCj>

--**"Doomsday Pattern: Life in the pre-apocalypse,"** by Elisa Gabbert in Real Life Magazine: During the spring of 1945, "General Curtis LeMay had been firebombing Japan with napalm, a highly flammable and 'sticky' mixture of gasoline and gelling agents. Almost a million people in 60 cities were 'scorched, boiled, and baked to death,' in LeMay's own words, in these napalm raids. It must have been hard to believe that the A-bomb could be dramatically more deadly - so what would it accomplish?" <http://bit.ly/2gA3kkL>

--**"The Prophet of Germany's New Right,"** by James Angelos in the N.Y. Times Magazine: "From a tiny village in the country's rural east, a leading nationalist intellectual builds a vision for the future of his movement across Europe." <http://nyti.ms/2z2tOSs>

--**"1491,"** by Charles Mann, author of "1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus," in the Atlantic's March 2002 issue: "Before it became the New World, the Western Hemisphere was vastly more populous and sophisticated than has been thought-an altogether more salubrious place to live at the time than, say, Europe. New evidence of both the extent of the population and its agricultural advancement leads to a remarkable conjecture: the Amazon rain forest may be largely a human artifact." <http://theatl.in.tc/2gzDMnI> ... **\$12.17 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2kSfY39>

--**"They thought they were going to rehab. They ended up in chicken plants,"** by Amy Julia Harris and Shoshana Walter in Reveal - per Longform.org's description: "An Oklahoma rehab center puts defendants to grueling, dangerous work in a chicken processing plant. They receive neither pay nor treatment for their addictions." <http://bit.ly/2ycoajX>

VALLEY TALK -- "Microsoft built tree houses for its employees," by The Verge's Thuy Ong: "The tree houses are a part of Microsoft's 'outdoor districts' which are connected to buildings around its Redmond campus. They feature weatherproof benches, hatches that hide electricity sockets, rustproof rocking chairs, a fireplace, wood canopies, and an outdoor Wi-Fi network. There are ramps built in for those who need them. If you get hungry, there's also an indoor cafeteria that's extended outside and a barbecue restaurant built into a shipping container." <http://bit.ly/2wVCpWk>

MEDIAWATCH - "The Times Issues Social Media Guidelines for the Newsroom": "Maggie Haberman says: 'Before you post, ask yourself: Is this something that needs to be said, is it something that needs to be said by you, and is it something that needs to be said by you right now? If you answer no to any of the three, it's best not to rush ahead.'" <http://nyti.ms/2kOyzNo>

-- **"Fox Business Network rides politics and punch to ratings success in fight with CNBC,"** by USA Today's Mike Snider: "The network, which celebrates its 10th anniversary next week, touts robust Nielsen data showing it has won the business daytime slot - from the time the stock market opens at 9:30 until 5 p.m. ET (an hour after its close) - beating CNBC over the past four quarters. ... CNBC still wins across the 24-hour viewing period, the 6 a.m.-11 p.m. segment and the 8 p.m.-11 p.m. period, according to data from Nielsen, which does not capture out-of-home viewers who might see CNBC during the business day in the workplace." <https://usat.ly/2gF8ADm>

Playbookers

SPOTTED: Rep. Jason Lewis (R-Minn.) walking down 8th Street/Barracks Row Friday night at 6:30 p.m.... Dave Grohl yesterday at Le Diplomate

OUT AND ABOUT -- SPOTTED at a going away party last night at the National Press Club for Jill Jackson, the longtime CBS producer who is heading back to Seattle to be the news director at KOUW, a public radio station: Chris Isham, John Dickerson, Mary Hager, Chip Reid, Nancy Cordes, Jeff Ballou, Laura Strickler, Steve Chaggarris, Anthony Salvanto, Caitlin and Alex Conant, Shawna Thomas, Antonia Ferrier, Amy Walter, Susan Page, Paul Kane, Frank Thorpe, Brad Dayspring, Jenna Sakwa and Jake Kasten, Catherine Reynolds, Ward Sloane, Josh Gross, Tim Perry, Cara Korte, Elizabeth Hinson, Rob Hendin, Jake Miller, Alan He, Walt Cronkite, Ellee Watson, Bo Erickson, Katie Watson, Jack Turner, Elizabeth Campbell, Deirdre Walsh, Jen Hing, Sue Davis.

-- **U.K. Ambassador Sir Kim Darroch** hosted a party at his residence along with the Institute of International Finance to mark the 2017 IMF/World Bank annual meetings, with Philip Hammond, chancellor of the exchequer, as the guest of honor. **SPOTTED:** Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and wife Hilary, Craig Phillips, Mohamed A. El-Erian, Brian McGuire, Scott Evans, Nick Owens and Tim Adams.

WEEKEND WEDDING -- Juana Summers, senior writer for CNN Politics and a Politico alum, got married last night to **David Markland**, who's currently starting his own consulting business. The couple had a private ceremony in Baltimore. **Pool report :** "They celebrated afterward with friends and family, including David's daughters Maeve and Nola, at Corradetti Glassblowing Studio. The after party stretched well into the night. ... They met online four years ago. And they are honeymooning in Iceland." **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2kSlz9F> ... <http://bit.ly/2yiax2I> ... <http://bit.ly/2xF2Krw>

SPOTTED: Rebecca Kaplan and Adam Levy, Sarah Mimms, Nia-Malika Henderson, Phil Elliott, Ginger Gibson and Travis Burk, Jedd Rosche, MJ Lee and Alex Burns, Rachel Bade, Steven Sloan, Jess Estepa, Kelsey Snell, Ailsa Chang, Mackenzie Weinger, Emily Ingram, Beth Carpenter and Megan Chan.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD -- Marguerite Bowling, senior communications manager for the Institute for Family, Community and Opportunity of the Heritage Foundation, and **Justin Bowling**, a firefighter with Anne Arundel County, Maryland, on Friday welcomed Trent Donovan Bowling at 9 lbs and 21 inches. Marguerite's colleague Sarah Mills emailed colleagues: "Marguerite reports, 'He was upset to realize Obamacare is still in place but is ready to join the conservative movement. We are in love with him.'" **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2hllb8u>

--OBAMA ALUMNI -- Gautam Raghavan, President Obama's former LGBT liaison, and his husband **Andrew Masloski**, a career foreign affairs officer at the State Department, on Friday finalized the adoption of daughter Maya who was born eight months earlier on February 13th. **Pic** <http://politi.co/2yjN4vA>

TRANSITIONS -- Matt Schumacher starts on Monday as digital director for the House Democratic Caucus. He previously was deputy press secretary and digital director for the Energy and Commerce Democrats.

OBAMA ALUMNI - Evan Medeiros has been named the Cling family distinguished fellow in U.S.-China studies at the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown. He most recently was President Obama's senior director for Asian affairs at the NSC and special assistant to the president.

DOUG HEYE was inducted into his high school Hall of Fame on Friday. He was in the class of 1990 at Bishop McGuinness High School in Winston-Salem, N.C. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2ykrP1> ... <http://bit.ly/2z6vZEE> ... <http://bit.ly/2yne7rt>

BIRTHDAYS OF THE DAY: Robert Costa, national political reporter for the Washington Post, moderator of PBS's "Washington Week," and a political analyst for NBC News and MSNBC -- Costa and Hallie Jackson were on the same debate team in high school. **How he got his start in journalism:** "I started reporting while I was a student at Pennsbury High School in suburban Philadelphia. I wrote about rock music for the regional newspaper, the Bucks County Courier Times, and I was a news and sports reporter for PHS-TV, the student television station." **Read his Playbook Plus Q&A:** <http://politi.co/2g9w6l2>

-- Eli Lehrer, president of R Street. **How he got started in politics:** "I played Bill Clinton in my high school's mock election. I won. I was also involved with the left-wing activist group on my college campus. I didn't become a conservative until I was already in Washington." **Q&A:** <http://politi.co/2xGNQWA>

BIRTHDAYS: Michael Feldman ... Cody Keenan ... Norm Ornstein is 69 ... former White House counsel John W. Dean III is 79 ... Dukes Wooters (hat tip: Ken Vogel) ... Lorie Slass ... Ira Shapiro ... Melissa Maxfield ... Tucker Foote, SVP and head of North America public policy and global trade for MasterCard (h/ts Jon Haber) ... Politico's Erin Aulov ... Catherine Loper ... Jill McAfee ... Brian Hart ... Marc Dunkelman ... Leigh Farris, VP in the office of the chairman at Goldman Sachs ... Marco Acevedo ... Rep.

Suzanne Bonamici (D-Ore.) is 63 ... J.C. Derrick ... Nick Stanley ... TNR's Emily Atkin ... David Lehrer ... Jack Fitzpatrick, a reporter at BGOV and an alum of National Journal and Morning Consult (h/t Zach Montellaro) ...

... **Robbie Myers** is 31 ... John Hanlon ... Zeenat Rahman ... Collin Burton ... Chris May ... Boston Globe's Victoria McGrane (h/t Annie Linskey) ... Warren Hendriks ... Daniel Castro ... Dave Leichtman, a Democratic advisor for Microsoft's Campaign Tech Services ... Eve Lieberman, COS for Rep. Jared Polis (D-Colo.) ... Jada Bromberg ... Lauren Lyster ... Sydney Lee Simons ... Jason Epstein ... Brian Bond ... Richard Skinner ... David Wallace ... Michele Curtis ... Cavalry's Anang Mittal ... Saul Pink ... Jerry Ceppos, former VP of news at Knight Ridder, is 71 (h/t Carl Lavin)

THE SHOWS, by @MattMackowiak, filing from Dallas:

--**CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS"**: Hillary Clinton

--**"Fox News Sunday"**: Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) ... National Security Adviser Lt. Gen. H.R. McMaster ... Sen. Chris Murphy (D-Conn.). Panel: Karl Rove, Marie Harf, Mike Needham and Jerry Seib (substitute host: Fox News' James Rosen)

--**CNN's "State of the Union"**: Secretary of State Rex Tillerson ... Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine). Panel: David Urban, Neera Tanden, Bill Kristol and Rep. Robin Kelly (D-Ill.)

--**CBS's "Face the Nation"**: Secretary of State Rex Tillerson ... Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) ... Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Panel: Molly Ball, Jonah Goldberg and David Ignatius ... Retired astronaut Capt. Scott Kelly

--**NBC's "Meet the Press"**: U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley ... Ohio Gov. John Kasich. Panel: Dan Balz, Kasie Hunt, Heather McGhee and Kim Strassel

--**ABC's "This Week"**: Nikki Haley ... House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) ... Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine). Panel: Mary Bruce, Katrina vanden Heuvel, Van Jones, Matt Schlapp and Charlie Sykes

--**Fox News' "Sunday Morning Futures"**: Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin ... Joe Lieberman ... Rep. Ed Royce (R-Calif.) ... Sebastian Gorka. Panel: Ed Rollins and Lee Carter

--**Fox News' "MediaBuzz"**: Laura Ingraham ... Guy Benson ... Bustle.com director of research Jessica Tarlov ... Erin McPike ... The Hollywood Reporter's Matthew Belloni ... Will Leitch

--**CNN's "Inside Politics"** with John King: Panel: Abby Phillip, Michael Bender, Eliana Johnson and Manu Raju

--**CNN's "Reliable Sources"**: FCC commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel, former FCC

chair Tom Wheeler, former commissioner Michael Copps. Panel: Jennifer Rubin and Freedom of the Press Foundation executive director Trevor Timm ... Bob Schieffer ... Janice Min ... The New York Times' Jodi Kantor ... Howard Schultz

--**Univision's "Al Punto"**: Nuevo Leon, Mexico Governor Jaime "El Bronco" Rodriguez ... Puerto Rico Governor Ricardo Rosselló ... Rep. Luis Gutiérrez (D-III.) ... actress Kate Del Castillo ... Univision Deportes' Enrique "El Perro" Bermúdez

--**C-SPAN: "The Communicators"**: Cryptotronix founder Josh Datko ... SensePost COO Daniel Cuthbert ... SensePost head of training Sam Hunter ... Invincea Labs Cyber Research scientist and trainer Melissa Kilby ... **"Newsmakers"**: Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), questioned by The Washington Post's Juliet Eilperin and The Hill's Scott Wong ... **"Q&A"**: Biographer and Amherst College's William Taubman (Gorbachev: His Life and Times")

--**Washington Times' "Mack on Politics"** weekly politics podcast with Matt Mackowiak (download on iTunes, Google Play, or Stitcher or listen at <http://bit.ly/2omgw1D>): Author and Bloomberg Businessweek's Joshua Green ("Devil's Bargain: Steve Bannon, Donald Trump, and the Storming of the Presidency").

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Driving the Day

Good Friday morning. BULLETIN: "TOKYO (AP) -- Toyota and Mazda say they will set up a \$1.6 billion joint-venture plant in the U.S., creating 4,000 jobs."

-- [@realDonaldTrump](https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump) at 6:02 a.m.: "Toyota & Mazda to build a new \$1.6B plant here in the U.S.A. and create 4K new American jobs. A great investment in American manufacturing!"

THE REAL TIMELINE -- SPEAKER PAUL RYAN told the Wisconsin State Journal that he "plans to introduce a tax overhaul bill in September with the goal of passing it through the House by the end of the year." No October deadline. Ryan also said if the House doesn't do its job "we will depress turnout" in 2018. <http://bit.ly/2fdWlZW>

WHAT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT -- "Special Counsel Robert Mueller Impanels Washington Grand Jury in Russia Probe," by WSJ's Del Quentin Wilber and Byron Tau: "Special Counsel Robert Mueller has impaneled a grand jury in Washington to investigate Russia's interference in the 2016 elections, a sign that his inquiry is growing in intensity and entering a new phase, according to people familiar with the matter. The grand jury, which began its work in recent weeks, signals that Mr. Mueller's inquiry will likely continue for months. ... Ty Cobb, special counsel to the president, said he wasn't aware that Mr. Mueller had started using a new grand jury. 'Grand jury matters are typically secret,' Mr. Cobb said. 'The White House favors anything that accelerates the conclusion of his work fairly. ... The White House is committed to fully cooperating with Mr. Mueller.'" <http://on.wsj.com/2ua1HTD>

REUTERS -- "Grand jury issues subpoenas in connection with Trump Jr., Russian

lawyer meeting: sources," by Karen Freifeld and John Walcott: "A grand jury has issued subpoenas in connection with a June 2016 meeting that included President Donald Trump's son, his son-in-law and a Russian lawyer, two sources told Reuters on Thursday, signaling an investigation is gathering pace into suspected Russian meddling in the 2016 U.S. election. The sources added that U.S. Special Counsel Robert Mueller had convened the grand jury investigation in Washington to help examine allegations of Russian interference in the vote." <http://reut.rs/2fbO6V3>

-- "One year into the FBI's Russia investigation, Mueller is on the Trump money trail," by CNN's Evan Perez, Pamela Brown and Shimon Prokupecz: "Federal investigators exploring whether Donald Trump's campaign colluded with Russian spies have seized on Trump and his associates' financial ties to Russia as one of the most fertile avenues for moving their probe forward, according to people familiar with the investigation. The web of financial ties could offer a more concrete path toward potential prosecution than the broader and murkier questions of collusion in the 2016 campaign, these sources said. ...

"CNN has learned some of the investigators involved in the probe are buying liability insurance out of concern they could become targets of lawsuits from those who are being investigated, according to one of the people familiar with the probe. The Justice Department covers legal fees for employees sued in the course of their duties, but some of the lawyers want extra protection." <http://cnn.it/2v4ktJ1>

TRUMP RESPONDS -- "Trump rallies his base against Russia investigation," by Matt Nussbaum in Huntington, West Virginia: "President Donald Trump used a campaign-style rally Thursday night to level a sustained attack on the investigation into Russian meddling in last year's election, just hours after news broke that special counsel Robert Mueller had tapped a grand jury as part of the wide-ranging probe. Calling the investigation 'fake' and 'demeaning,' he said it was both a Democratic excuse for the election loss and a distraction from what Trump contends are the more serious crimes of his 2016 opponent, Hillary Clinton.

"The adoring crowd here responded by reprising a hallmark of the campaign, chanting, 'Lock her up!' ... 'We didn't win because of Russia -- we won because of you, that I can tell you,' Trump said, continuing the riff. 'Have you seen any Russians in West Virginia or Ohio or Pennsylvania? Are there any Russians here tonight?'" <http://politi.co/2u6asKo>

-- "West Virginia Democratic governor switches to GOP," by Matt Nussbaum, Gabe Debenedetti, Kevin Robillard and Daniel Strauss: "West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice announced a party switch Thursday evening in a surprise appearance with President Donald Trump in Huntington, West Virginia. 'Today, I will tell you, with lots of prayers and lots of thinking, I can't help you anymore being a Democrat governor,' Justice said. 'So tomorrow, I will be changing my registration to Republican.' ... Justice, who seldom worked with other Democrats, recently spent a well-publicized day hunting with Donald Trump Jr. - a familiar political optic in a largely rural state with a strong hunting tradition.

But his move still blindsided his old party, which is now left with control of just 15 governor mansions." <http://politi.co/2uq4seu>

WHERE THINGS STAND ON CAPITOL HILL ...

REPUBLICANS looking to find a path forward on a short-term government funding bill and raising the debt ceiling when they come back in September have begun discussing combining the two must-pass pieces of legislation. Both the debt ceiling and government funding bills will need Democrats to pass. They are likely to try to extend the debt ceiling and government funding to December. If they combine them it would allow leadership to try to strike a deal. **EXPECT** this strategy to inflame conservative members who are unlikely to be appeased by the argument that the real fight is in December.

JUST TO CLEAR THINGS UP -- OMB DIRECTOR MICK MULVANEY told reporters yesterday at a brown-bag lunch that "Steve Mnuchin speaks for the administration when it comes to -- on the debt ceiling. We've heard that out of the President's mouth, and I respect that, in fact that's the right way to do it. I've got budget, Mnuchin's got debt ceiling, and Cohen's got tax ... so there is no infighting within the administration about the debt ceiling."

-- "**Republicans leave town with no clear path on Obamacare**," by Jen Haberkorn and Paul Demko: "Senate leaders want to just drop the issue altogether. Conservatives say they're still fighting for repeal. Moderates want to launch a bipartisan effort to fix the shaky Obamacare system. The reality is that, after seven years of unity on repealing Obamacare, Republicans are rudderless on how to talk about or address the defining domestic policy issue of nearly the past decade for their party, and they have no clear plans despite holding all the levers of power in Washington. Now, they face a month away from the Capitol, answering to their home-state voters about their lack of progress." <http://politi.co/2ht3bm3>

REMEMBER THE STAY-IN-UNTIL-HEALTH-CARE-IS-DONE THING? --

@nielslesniewski: "At 7:01 p.m., the Senate has adjourned for August recess. No legislating until Sept. 5. Pro forma sessions will block recess appointments."

***** **A message from Morgan Stanley** : The Future of Energy: Looking at renewable energy's progress, is alternative energy really alternative anymore? [Read more.](#) *****

THE KELLY CHRONICLES -- NYT A1, "John Kelly Quickly Moves to Impose Military Discipline on White House," by Glenn Thrush, Mike Shear and Eileen Sullivan: "In his six months as Homeland Security secretary, John F. Kelly often described the White House as one of the most dysfunctional organizations he had ever seen, complained to colleagues and allies about its meddling, incompetence and recklessness, and was once so angry he briefly considered quitting. Now as President Trump's chief of staff, he is doing something about it -- with a suddenness and force that have upended the West Wing. Mr. Kelly cuts off rambling advisers midsentence. He

listens in on conversations between cabinet secretaries and the president. He has booted lingering staff members out of high-level meetings, and ordered the doors of the Oval Office closed to discourage strays. ...

"Several times I've been on phone conversations with the president over the last couple of days and General Kelly has been on those conversations as well,' Mick Mulvaney, the director of the Office of Management and Budget, told reporters on Thursday when asked if Mr. Kelly was making a mark. The Trump White House is a judge-a-book-by-its-cover workplace, and staff members have been struck by Mr. Kelly's bearing: tall, stern and commanding a respect Mr. Priebus never did. People close to Mr. Kelly said they expected him to methodically assess his new staff before making more drastic changes -- and he has told people that he wants to improve morale before attacking the organizational chart." <http://nyti.ms/2wcsdJn>

-- **"Kelly gives McMaster cover in West Wing battles:** Trump's national security adviser has emerged as one of the most volatile personalities in White House," by Bryan Bender, Josh Dawsey and Nahal Toosi: "National security adviser H.R. McMaster, who has waged a pitched battle with other senior staff for control over policy and personnel on the National Security Council, is taking advantage of the shield offered by the arrival of his old military colleague John Kelly as White House chief of staff. Kelly told McMaster this week that he wanted him to remain as national security adviser, said two senior White House aides, and has encouraged him to make any staffing changes he deems necessary. ...

"In recent weeks, according to more than half a dozen current and former officials who have had direct interaction with him, McMaster has bristled at White House aides close to Trump whom he perceives as undercutting his authority. He seethes over every national security leak and lashes out over negative news stories he thinks are spread by his enemies. And McMaster, whose temper is legendary, frequently blows his top in high-level meetings. 'He can be very intense,' a McMaster confidant who speaks with him regularly and is a major supporter, told POLITICO Thursday. 'Some find that difficult.'" <http://politi.co/2wqV1wN>

ANOTHER PLOT TWIST -- "Flynn details tie to data firm, transition pay," by AP's Chad Day and Stephen Braun: "President Donald Trump's former national security adviser, Michael Flynn, is revealing a brief advisory role with a firm related to a controversial data analysis company that aided the Trump campaign, The Associated Press has learned. The disclosure of Flynn's link to Cambridge Analytica will come in an amended public financial filing in which the retired U.S. Army lieutenant general also discloses income that includes payments from the Trump transition team ... The amended disclosure shows that just before the end of the campaign, Flynn entered into a consulting agreement with SCL Group, a Virginia-based company related to Cambridge Analytica, the data mining and analysis firm that worked with Trump's campaign." <http://bit.ly/2htghj9>

TRUMP INC. -- "Secret Service vacates Trump Tower command post in lease

dispute with president's company," by WaPo's Carol Leonnig, David Fahrenthold and Jonathan O'Connell: "The Secret Service has vacated its command post inside Trump Tower in Manhattan following a dispute between the government and President Trump's company over the terms of a lease for the space ... Previously, the Secret Service had stationed its command post - which houses supervisors and backup agents on standby in case of an emergency - in a Trump Tower unit one floor below the president's apartment. But in early July, the post was relocated to a trailer on the sidewalk, more than 50 floors below, a distance that some security experts worry could hamper the agency that protects the president's home and family. The command post appears unlikely to move anytime soon back inside Trump Tower, where the president and his family have rarely gone since moving to the White House. On Thursday, a spokeswoman for the Trump Organization said the government should seek space in another location." <http://wapo.st/2ht2PM7>

AT MAIN JUSTICE -- "Justice Dept., Under Siege From Trump, Plows Ahead With His Agenda," by NYT's Rebecca Ruiz: "[E]ven as the Justice Department has been under siege by Mr. Trump, [Jeff] Sessions and [Rod] Rosenstein have sought to tune out the noise as they remake the department into the one that is most powerfully carrying out the president's agenda. 'We value the independence of the Justice Department,' Mr. Rosenstein said in an interview this week. ... Mr. Sessions is carrying out the president's conservative agenda with head-turning speed, roiling critics on the left and leaving some career staff members within the department disoriented by the sea change. 'Sessions as attorney general has been everything conservatives could have dreamed of and liberals could have feared,' said Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the law school at the University of California, Berkeley.

"In the last six months, the attorney general has rolled back Obama-era policies on gay rights, voting rights, and criminal justice and police reform while advancing his own fight against drugs, gangs and violent crime. ... Mr. Sessions has mandated that prosecutors be as tough as possible in charging and sentencing all crimes, including drug offenses that carry stiff mandatory minimum prison sentences. He has expanded the ability of the police to seize people's assets, irrespective of whether they may have been convicted of a crime or even charged. And as he presses a hard-line immigration agenda, he has dispatched additional federal prosecutors to border districts to prosecute immigration cases and has ordered cities and states to fall in line with federal immigration authorities or else face cuts in federal funding." <http://nyti.ms/2v2TGi5>

--INTERESTING NUGGET: "Among the paintings that Mr. Rosenstein selected to decorate his conference room at the Justice Department is a portrait of Edward H. Levi, appointed attorney general by President Gerald R. Ford in 1975 after the department's credibility had been eroded by President Richard M. Nixon, whose firing of the Watergate special prosecutor, Archibald Cox, led to the resignations of Attorney General Elliot Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William French Smith in what became known as the Saturday Night Massacre in October 1973. 'That right there,' Mr. Rosenstein said, motioning to the portrait of Mr. Levi. 'That's the post-Watergate A.G.'"

-- **"U.S. Attorney Subpoenas Kushner Cos. Over Investment-For-Visa Program,"** by WSJ's Erica Orden, Aruna Viswanatha and Byron Tau: "Kushner Cos., the New York property development business owned by the family of White House senior adviser Jared Kushner, has been subpoenaed by New York federal prosecutors regarding its use of an investment-for-immigration program ... The subpoena concerns at least one Jersey City, N.J., development financed in part by a federal visa program known as EB-5: twin, 66-floor commercial-and-residential towers called One Journal Square ... The subpoena, received by the company in May, was a document request that included a demand for emails." <http://on.wsj.com/2wqQCKr>

1600 PENNSYLVANIA -- "Life in the West Wing: Bug zappers and helicopter fumes," by Tara Palmeri: "Bug zappers buzz in the West Wing while flies zip around. The yellow carpet is worn, and it can sometimes be difficult to work in parts of the White House because it fills with fumes when Marine One lands or takes off on the lawn of America's most famous home. Some White House aides claim to have seen rodents, and say they're used to having maintenance professionals moving around their work space to do work on the air conditioning system, which hasn't been overhauled in more than 20 years.

"Fixing it is top of the agenda for a building-wide renovation blitz scheduled for the next two weeks, while President Donald Trump heads to his golf club in Bedminster, N.J. Along with installing a high-volume air-conditioning system, the work may include replacing worn carpets and addressing other issues ... The main situation room was recently closed for two weeks so that the iconic main table could be refurbished, according to a former official." <http://politi.co/2uqjj8Y>

SPICER'S POST-WHITE HOUSE LIFE -- "Sean Spicer signs with top TV lawyer after meetings with networks," by Page Six's Emily Smith and Marisa Schultz: "Former White House press secretary Sean Spicer today signed with renowned attorney Bob Barnett, who represents a host of top politicians and TV news personalities, as he negotiates a big TV deal. Sources say Spicer signed with Barnett and Michael O'Connor of Williams & Connolly Thursday after taking meetings with all the major TV and news networks including NBC, CBS and Fox News last week. The former press secretary had also been courted by all the top Hollywood talent agencies, but sources said he chose Barnett, who is based with Williams & Connolly in Washington D.C. because of his track record with politicians and TV correspondents." <http://pge.sx/2vvvVzN>

--**TMZ:** "Sources close to Spicer tell us the former White House Press Secretary was flattered by the opportunity, but because he believes he'll have an 'overwhelming number of commitments in the Fall,' he declined the offer. As for whether Spicey had the skills to truly compete on 'DWTS' -- our source said, 'He's not a good dancer.'" <http://bit.ly/2v4rMk1>

UPDATE via Morning Media's Hadas Gold: **"SCARAMUCCI CANCELED HIS BIG ONLINE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY,** where he was supposed to address the American people. Former Fox News co-president Bill Shine was reportedly helping Scaramucci

with the event, which was to be broadcast live on various platforms, but Scaramucci tweeted yesterday "No Press Event Tomorrow: Focusing on Family, My Work in The Private Sector. #MovingForward Stay Tuned!"

HOT VIDEO -- @TheDailyShow: "We can all agree the White House's 'theme weeks' have been a rousing success..." 2-min. video <http://bit.ly/2vnGdlK> (h/t Matt Negrin)

TRUMP'S FRIDAY -- THE PRESIDENT is heading to FEMA for a hurricane briefing and having lunch with VP Mike Pence. He'll talk to French President Emmanuel Macron before departing for Bedminster.

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PHOTO DU JOUR -- Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) walks away from the U.S. Capitol after the last vote before the summer break, August 3, 2017 in Washington, DC. The U.S. Senate is scheduled to return from summer break on September 5. | Mark Wilson/Getty | Mark Wilson/Getty

ALI WATKINS -- "Hunt for Trump dossier author inflames Russia probe: An overseas trip to contact a former British spy exposes friction among House, Senate investigators and special counsel Robert Mueller": Two Republican House Intelligence Committee staffers traveled to London earlier this summer to track down the former British intelligence operative who compiled a controversial dossier on President Donald Trump and Russia, according to three people familiar with the matter. ...

"The House staffers left their contact information at two addresses associated with Steele, a former agent for Britain's MI6 foreign intelligence service. One of those locations was Steele's lawyer's office, where the former spy was meeting with his counsel when the House investigators showed up." <http://politi.co/2wcVm7j>

TOP-ED -- JOE SCARBOROUGH in WaPo, "Ivanka and Jared, move back to New York": "For almost a decade, Mika Brzezinski and I had the pleasure of occasionally crossing paths with Ivanka, Don Jr. and Eric Trump. I explained that in those encounters, the president's children were unfailingly deferential and polite. Long before their father's election, the Trump children enjoyed a stellar reputation among most Manhattan influencers for being hard-working and well raised. They possessed few of the flaws too easily recognizable in other wealthy and well-connected kids. Often, conversations that centered on the boorish behavior of Trump himself would end with someone citing his children as a mitigating factor against whatever severe judgments were being handed down. I once told Trump that a good way to judge most people is by the children they raised, and that by that measure, he seemed to be an unqualified success.

"The Donald's response was uncharacteristically humble. 'Anything good you see in my children is the result of them having a great mother,' he quietly said, with no cameras rolling to catch this fleeting glimpse of humility. ... Americans have seen enough headlines over the past six months to better understand why nepotism does not work in the White House. Though my words may suggest otherwise, I genuinely like Jared and Ivanka. I also love Joey, Andrew, Katherine and Jack Scarborough. But I wouldn't let them run my morning show any more than Trump should let his children run roughshod over White House operations." <http://wapo.st/2vo5A7c>

FIRST IN PLAYBOOK -- From California Playbooker Carla Marinucci: "Former California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, flexing his muscles in efforts to counter President Trump's withdrawal from the Paris climate accord, will unveil an ambitious new national effort Friday aimed at providing lawmakers with a comprehensive toolbox to pass substantive climate change legislation at the state and local level. The new initiative to tweak Trump on climate change is being touted as a first on the internet -- a 'digital environmental legislative handbook' which organizers say will provide political leaders and lawmakers around the nation with a comprehensive curated list of legal and legislative research, voting records, and bill language and data to help them prepare bills on a wide range of environmental action, including air quality, renewable energy, health and climate change." <http://politi.co/2feqHll>

WEST COAST WATCH -- "Hollywood picks Gavin Newsom over Antonio Villaraigosa in California's race for governor," by L.A. Times' Seema Mehta and Maloy Moore: <http://lat.ms/2vyVLDI>

***** **A message from Morgan Stanley:** Has alternative energy gone mainstream? Several decades ago, renewable energy seemed futuristic. Now, it has emerged as a practical way to power our cities. Morgan Stanley explored the economics driving the industry, the obstacles it faces, and what it means for investors in renewable energy technology. [Read more from Morgan Stanley.](#) *****

THE PLAYBOOK INTERVIEW: New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu

Mitch Landrieu, the mayor of New Orleans and president of the United States Conference of Mayors, is trying to sell the importance of mayors in the legislative process. Landrieu, who is wrapping up his last year as mayor of New Orleans, is following in the footsteps of his father, Moon Landrieu, who was himself a New Orleans mayor and president of the conference. The Democrat remains mum about his future plans, but he has been mentioned as a dark horse candidate for higher office once his term expires. "I really don't [have future plans]. I haven't had time to think about it that much ... and I intend to finish really, really strong, to make sure I keep my eyes focused on the streets in the city of New Orleans and to make sure the people have my full attention and full commitment. When that's over, I'm going to take a nap."

The highlights ...

ON WORKING WITH TRUMP: "This administration is particularly confused about what they want to talk about at any particular time. They have a very hard time staying on message and as a consequence it is hard to respond to. We don't have a set position, we're always ready to work. Whenever they want to find an issue that we have common ground on, and even ones that we disagree on, we're always ready to be engaged. We don't have an ideological bent. We don't have the freedom to do that. We have to work with any president at any time to try to find an answer that works."

ON HOW MAYORS CAN WORK WITH CONGRESS: "Don't wait to bring us in until the last minute when everything looks like it's gone to hell in the handbasket. Talk to us early and we might be able, based on our practical experience, to help you design a better mousetrap on whatever it is you might be talking about. ... We're the ones who build all the projects on time, on task and under budget. We do it much better than the federal government does. But they've got to show up to do that role."

HIS ADVICE FOR WASHINGTON: "Stop being so ideologically bent. Be problem-solvers. Be thoughtful, be practical and be bipartisan. Talk to each other and find common-sense solutions to real problems. We do it every day in our cities. If you want to learn how to balance a budget, come see us. If you want to learn how to choose between bad and worse or good and better, come see us, because we see it every day." **Full interview** <http://politi.co/2feNePz>

-- **"Mayors to Washington (and Trump): You need to listen to us,"** by Zach Montellaro <http://politi.co/2fegBBH>

MEDIAWATCH - per Hadas Gold's Morning Media: "CBS This Morning" pulled a Kellyanne Conway interview after the senior counselor to the president showed up late on Wednesday, two sources tell me. The interview was teased on CBS in the early morning on Wednesday but it never aired after Conway showed up late to the stand-up spot on the north lawn of the White House. Morning shows run on tight timelines, but entirely ditching an interview with a senior counselor to the president struck me as pretty unusual. CBS News declined to comment and Conway did not respond to a request for comment."

--**JULIA EDWARDS AINSLEY** is joining NBC's national security investigative team in Washington. She most recently has covered the Justice Department beat at Reuters.

--**"MEET THE PRESS"** promotions: Sarah Blackwill has been promoted to senior producer, Natalie Cucchiara to senior coordinating producer and Sally Bronston to producer.

TV TONIGHT - On PBS's "Washington Week" with Bob Costa: Dan Balz, Susan Davis, Carol Lee, Franco Ordoñez

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SPOTTED: Bill Clinton and Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe last night at Matsuhisa in Aspen ... Sarah Huckabee Sanders last night at Le Diplomate where she had steak frites and house Chardonnay.

ENGAGED -- Mike Luce of the Dover Group popped the question to **Melissa Salmanowitz** of the Gates Foundation Thursday night. While their friends cheered from a secret lookout across the street, Mike proposed under an umbrella outside of Maple in Columbia Heights, where the couple first met. The ring is a family heirloom, previously belonging to Melissa's grandmother and mother. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2vohcXL>

TRANSITIONS -- Chester Spellman has been named director of AmeriCorps for the Corporation for National and Community Service. He most recently was CEO of Volunteer Florida. ... **Nicole Hager** is joining the Senate Finance Committee as deputy press secretary and is also starting law school at GWU. Yesterday was her last day as deputy press secretary for Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.). ... **Michaela Sims** is launching a new lobbying firm, Sims Strategies, and is registering for five mostly health and tax-related clients. She most recently was co-founder and partner at Chamber Hill Strategies and has also worked as counsel and LD for former Sens. Bob Kerrey and Ben Nelson. Her firm has also hired **Ted Prettyman** as a director.

OUT AND ABOUT - JOSH GREEN's book party -- pool report: "Bloomberg hosted a party for Bloomberg Businessweek senior national correspondent Joshua Green at the Newseum last night to toast his instant #1 New York Times non-fiction bestseller 'Devil's Bargain: Steve Bannon, Donald Trump, and the Storming of the Presidency'. Bloomberg Washington bureau chief Wes Kosova and Bloomberg Businessweek editor Megan Murphy co-hosted Beltway guests during a flash thunderstorm which was on prime display on the Newseum's panoramic top floor. As remarks ended, a rainbow was visible over the Capitol. Guests nibbled on haute grilled cheese sandwiches and drank spicy margarita 'Devil's Delights,'" which was made up of silver tequila, serrano peppers, lime juice, simple syrup, St. Germain, and soda water. **\$16.20 on Amazon** <http://amzn.to/2v4DwTK> ... **Pic of Josh Green and Charlie Spiering** <http://politi.co/2v2Kf27>

SPOTTED: Jerry Seib, Carl Cannon, Betsy Fischer Martin, Patrick Steel, Tammy Haddad, Julie Pace, Adam Goldman and Allison Hoffman, Ryan Williams, Garance Franke Ruta, Elaina Plott, Hilary Rosen, Linda Douglass and John Phillips, Jeremy and Robyn Bash, Margaret Talev, Al Hunt, Zach Mider, AB Stoddard, Shannon Pettypiece, Toluse Olorunnipa, Josh Dawsey, Robert Draper and Kirsten Powers, Sam Feist, Garance Franke-Ruta, Adam Goldman and Allison Hoffman, Kathy O'Hearn, John and Barbara Cochran, Katie Rogers, James Hohmann, David Jackson, Lisa Lerer, Annie Linskey, Ty Trippet, Augusta Mellon, Abby Phillip, Marty Schenker, Jack Shafer, Sabrina Siddiqui, Cindy Smith, Robin Sproul, Keith Urbahn, Dave Weigel, Gail Ross, Matt Apuzzo, Rosie Gray, Tim Noah, Jen Epstein, Gail Ross, Michael Schaffer (whose birthday is today), David Jackson, Tom Forrest, Annie Findlay, Julie Bykowicz.

SUNDAY SO FAR -- CBS' "Face the Nation": Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.) ... Ohio Gov. John Kasich and Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper. Political panel: Jamelle Bouie, Jennifer Jacobs, Susan Page, and Reihan Salam

-- **ABC's "This Week":** Stephanie Cutter, Megan Murphy, Ramesh Ponnuru, and Matt Schlapp

-- **"Fox News Sunday":** Panel: Jason Riley, Rachael Bade, Rich Lowry, Charles Lane

-- **CNN's "State of the Union":** Rep. Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) ... New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. Panel: Nina Turner, former Sen. Rick Santorum (R-Pa.), Amanda Carpenter, Rep. Ro Khanna (D-Calif.)

-- **CNN's "Inside Politics,"** guest hosted by Dana Bash: Perry Bacon, Karoun Demirjian, Julie Davis, Michael Shear

-- **CNN's "Fareed Zakaria GPS":** Al Gore ... Julia Ioffe ... Gideon Rose ... Dan Senor

BIRTHWEEK (was yesterday): Joe McCarthy, who celebrated last night with wife Marina and brother Jim at Fenway ... Brian Morgenstern, senior adviser at Treasury and Rubio alum (hat tip: Natalie Boyse)

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Bret Baier, Fox News' chief political anchor and anchor of "Special Report". **How he's celebrating:** "I am actually playing in a golf tournament out of town, and then coming home and having a little dinner with my wife and two sons - 10 and 7. I am a big fan of homemade cards and one cupcake with a candle - low key. (47 is not that thrilling.)" Read his Playbook Plus Q&A: <http://politi.co/2uad2mC>

BIRTHDAYS: Barack Obama is 56 ... Sheldon Adelson is 84 ... Politico's Seung Min Kim, Randi Braun and Ashley Ryan ... former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is 62 ... Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds is 58 ... screenwriter Allison Abner ... The Hill's Bob Cusack ... Richard Carlbon, principal at United Strategies, is 36 ... Fritz Fitzpatrick ... Andrei Cherny is 42 ... Caren Auchman, SVP at FleishmanHillard (h/t Allison Preiss) ... Alex Mallin, ABC News White House producer (h/ts Jonathan Karl and Arlette Saenz) ... Rep. Keith Ellison (D-Minn.) is 54 ... Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) is 47 ... Rep. Tom Rice (R-SC) is 6-0 ... Andrea Hechavarria ... Daniel Moss, Bloomberg News' executive editor on global economics ... WaPo's Joby Warrick is 57 ... Washingtonian editor Michael Schaffer is 44 (h/t Dan Swartz) ... Pete Brodnitz ... David Myles FitzSimmons ... Allison Rhodes Morgan ... AP's Sinan Salaheddin is 42 ... Susan Whitson, Bush administration alum, former press secretary to First Lady Laura Bush, and former DOJ and FBI spox, celebrating with her seven year-old son on a cruise down the Blue Danube through Austria (h/t Keir Whitson) ...

... **Brett Loper,** SVP of gov't affairs at American Express ... Nick Wing, senior viral editor at HuffPost, is 3-0 ... Kate Michelman ... John Edgell, comms director for Rep.

Marcy Kaptur (h/ts Jon Haber) ... former U.S. treasurer Rosario Marin ... WashPost deputy Outlook editor Mike Madden, a City Paper alum, is 41 ... Wendy Ruderman ... Wendy Cohen ... CNN Politics' Greg Krieg, alum of Mic and ABC ... former Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland is 76 ... Daniel Son ... Reagan Anderson, VP of Capital Group is 4-0. She is celebrating with her husband somewhere on a beach ... The U.S. Coast Guard is 227 ... Joel Bailey ... Jonathan Green ... Sam Carmody ... former Rep. Rob Andrews (D-NJ) is 6-0 ... Kaci Sturgeon ... Derek Dash ... Hayley Prim, principal at Hilltop Public Solutions ... Valerie McCabe ... Steve Rudin ... Emil Hill ... Chad Kolton ... Martha Love ... Steve Kean ... Lina Brunton ... Paige Shipman ... Anna Bennett (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

***** **A message from Morgan Stanley** : Alternative energy, solar power investment and utilities are taking what was on the fringes of science as recently as 30 years ago and turning it into the new normal. Biosphere 2, a massive science facility tucked away in the desert foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, was built for controversial space exploration experiments. Now, it functions as a reputable research facility, studying the potential for farming beneath solar panels-a technique that's already applicable for future colonies on Mars. Morgan Stanley's podcast discusses where the renewable energy industry has been, its transformations over the past few decades, and what this means for investors in renewable energy technology, as well as everyday consumers. [Read more from Morgan Stanley.](#) *****

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Driving the Day

THE PRESIDENT CONTINUES TO PUBLICLY BERATE HIS ATTORNEY GENERAL -- at 6:03 a.m.: "Ukrainian efforts to sabotage Trump campaign - 'quietly working to boost Clinton.' So where is the investigation A.G. @seanhannity" ... **at 6:12 a.m.:** "Attorney General Jeff Sessions has taken a VERY weak position on Hillary Clinton crimes (where are E-mails & DNC server) & Intel leakers!" ... **at 6:21 a.m.:** "Problem is that the acting head of the FBI & the person in charge of the Hillary investigation, Andrew McCabe, got \$700,000 from H for wife!"

JONATHAN LEMIRE and JILL COLVIN: "AP sources: Trump speaks to advisers about firing Sessions" : "President Donald Trump has spoken with advisers about firing Attorney General Jeff Sessions, as he continues to rage against Sessions' decision to recuse himself from all matters related to the Russia investigation. ... Privately, Trump has speculated aloud to allies in recent days about the potential consequences of firing Sessions, according to three people who have recently spoken to the president. They demanded anonymity to discuss private conversations."
<http://bit.ly/2vEHmTu>

-- WHY AND HOW HE'D DO IT: "Trump leaves Sessions twisting in the wind while berating him publicly," by WaPo's Sari Horwitz, Matt Zapotosky and Bob Costa: "Replacing Sessions is seen by some Trump associates as potentially being part of a strategy to fire special counsel Robert S. Mueller III and end his investigation into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with the Kremlin to influence the 2016 election ... Trump could order Rosenstein -- and then Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand -- to fire Mueller. If they quit instead of doing so, he could appoint an acting attorney general who would. Trump could also appoint an acting attorney general

with them in place - effectively passing over Rosenstein and Brand - and order that person to remove the special counsel. ... Another scenario is that Trump could make a recess appointment, said University of Texas School of Law professor Steve Vladeck.

"Under that plan, Trump could choose an attorney general during the August recess who would serve until the end of the next Senate session, which could be early January. That person would have the same authority as someone who is confirmed by the Senate ... Among the names being floated as possible Sessions replacements are Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) and former New York City mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani, according to people familiar with the conversations. ... Trump, though, continues to let Sessions twist in the wind. One person close to Trump said the president asked him about how firing Sessions 'would play in the conservative media.' Trump also asked him whether it would help to replace Sessions 'with a major conservative,' the person said." <http://wapo.st/2tVibKk>

-- **TED CRUZ** has signaled he is not interested, and **RUDY GIULIANI** defended Sessions, and "swatted away a report" that he is in the running to replace him, according to CNN.

AND ON TO HEALTH CARE ... @realDonaldTrump at 6:27 a.m.: "Big day for HealthCare. After 7 years of talking, we will soon see whether or not Republicans are willing to step up to the plate!" ... **at 6:38 a.m.:** "ObamaCare is torturing the American People. The Democrats have fooled the people long enough. Repeal or Repeal & Replace! I have pen in hand."

Good Tuesday morning. BREAKING LAST NIGHT: SEN. JOHN MCCAIN (R-ARIZ.) is coming back to "continue working on important legislation, including health care reform, the National Defense Authorization Act, and new sanctions on Russia, Iran and North Korea."

THE QUESTION RIGHT NOW is whether 51 Republicans will vote for the motion to proceed -- a procedural question that allows the Senate to debate the health care bill.

BURGESS EVERETT, SEUNG MIN KIM and JEN HABERKORN: "McConnell spent the day cajoling his members and meeting with Vice President Mike Pence to plot strategy. The majority leader was still short of the votes to even open debate, and Republicans still don't know what they'd be voting to allow debate on if they agree to go along with McConnell on the procedural vote.

"If [McConnell] manages to round up the 50 votes, it would be a huge political victory. The office of Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) announced late Monday that he would return to the Senate, but the undecided positions of about a half-dozen senators have left McConnell with a tiny margin for error, and no one's quite sure what his end game is." <http://politi.co/2tEuNdj>

-- HERE IS A BRAIN DUMP ON THE STATE OF PLAY FROM ONE SENIOR GOP

STRATEGIST: "It has been abundantly clear that policy disagreements are not the ultimate barrier to moving forward. They've had months to work that out. There is a contingent of GOP senators who refuse to accommodate their concerns in negotiations in the hopes of avoiding a vote altogether. The only way to change that dynamic is to hold a vote that provides the opportunity to put every senator on record as to whether they are willing to debate Obamacare.

"**A yes vote** brings an open amendment process where every senator will have the opportunity to amend, improve, and ultimately decide whether the final product is worthy of their support. Conversely, if some Republicans are more comfortable dealing President Trump a loss than debating Obamacare, this vote will provide the opportunity to make that clear to their constituents since most have represented otherwise for the past seven years."

FROM A SENIOR SENATE GOP AIDE: "It's time to vote; it's time to get on the bill. We pulled back twice for different reasons but it's time. In fact it's past time. Republican Senators know the issue and the solutions. They've been discussing it for months. To fail not to get on the bill is not a resolution after four election cycles of promises. If we get on the bill, amendments can and will be offered. But that cannot happen unless we get on the bill."

WSJ EDITORIAL: "Can Republicans Govern? Some Senators want to talk forever about health care. Time for a vote": "Mitch McConnell is scheduling another showdown vote in the Senate-the third attempt-as early as Tuesday on a motion to proceed to debate on health reform. Succeed or fail, the Republican Majority Leader is right to demand this moment of political accountability. ... Members have been debating among themselves for weeks, they know or should know the bill's essential policy choices, and the bill isn't getting prettier with age. That's especially true on Medicaid reform and spending, which is the chief gripe of the so-called moderates led by Rob Portman of Ohio. They keep demanding more money. They keep getting it, but it's never enough." <http://on.wsj.com/2uSR9rj>

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THE OPEN QUESTIONS ...

-- **THE UNDECIDEDS**, per POLITICO Pro health-care guru Dan Diamond (@ddiamond) and Burgess, SMK and Jen: Sens. Mike Lee (R-Utah), Dean Heller (R-Nev.), Jerry Moran (R-Kan.), Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.), Rob Portman (R-Ohio), Cory Gardner (R-Colo.) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska). **PROBABLE NOS:** Sens. Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Rand Paul (R-Ky.).

-- **ALSO KEEP IN MIND:** The Senate, at this point, doesn't even know what it's voting on. The order of amendments has been an open -- and critical -- question. Burgess,

SMK and Jen: "Republicans are strongly considering a strategy that would tee up two separate votes -- one on the repeal only and another on the plan the Senate has been working on to repeal and replace Obamacare. If one fails, 'you set up a vote on the other one,' said Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.). The theory behind the strategy is that by making that assurance, Republicans could pick up votes to start debate from ardent conservatives as well as waffling moderates."

-- **AND WHAT'S NEXT?** If the Senate passes something, does Speaker Paul Ryan keep the House in to try to pass it? Or does he move to go into conference -- the formal negotiating process between the House and Senate that could force the conversation about health care for months. There would be tremendous pressure to do something.

VP MIKE PENCE met with McConnell last night, and his office is touting the outside groups supporting voting for the motion to proceed. **The list** <http://politi.co/2vVrL13>

THE PRESIDENT, LATE MONDAY NIGHT: @realDonaldTrump at 10:23 p.m.: "The Amazon Washington Post fabricated the facts on my ending massive, dangerous, and wasteful payments to Syrian rebels fighting Assad....." ... **at 10:28 p.m.:** "So many stories about me in the @washingtonpost are Fake News. They are as bad as ratings challenged @CNN. Lobbyist for Amazon and taxes?" ... **at 10:36 p.m.:** "Is Fake News Washington Post being used as a lobbyist weapon against Congress to keep Politicians from looking into Amazon no-tax monopoly?"

-- **FOR THE RECORD:** Amazon doesn't own the Washington Post. We've never heard a Post reporter care one iota about promoting policies that benefit Amazon. ... **ALSO: @adamgoldman:** "Did @realDonaldTrump just declassify @CIA program in Syria?"

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BACK ON THE TRAIL ... -- "From 'fake media' to Clinton, Trump brings political attacks to the Scout Jamboree," by WaPo's John Wagner and Jenna Johnson: "Ahead of President Trump's appearance Monday at the National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, the troops were offered some advice on the gathering's official blog: Fully hydrate. Be 'courteous' and 'kind.' And avoid the kind of divisive chants heard during the 2016 campaign such as 'build the wall' and 'lock her up.' But from the moment he took the stage, Trump - who was never a Scout himself but touted his role as the 'honorary president of the Boy Scouts of America' - started leading them down a very different path.

"Over the next 35 minutes, the president threatened to fire one of his Cabinet members, attacked former president Barack Obama, dissed his former rival Hillary Clinton, marveled at the size of the crowd, warned the boys about the 'fake media,' mocked pollsters and pundits, and said more people would say 'Merry Christmas' under his presidency. He also told a rambling tale about a famous, now-deceased home

builder that meandered from a Manhattan cocktail party to a yacht and then to places that the president would only allow the boys' imaginations to go."

<http://wapo.st/2tVYm5w>

-- **ACTUAL THING SAID BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BOY SCOUTS**, telling the story of William Levitt, a failed developer: "He went personally bankrupt, and he was now much older. And I saw him at a cocktail party, and it was very sad because the hottest people in New York were at this party."

-- **DID YOU EVER** hear President Barack Obama talk about his victory over Mitt Romney eight months after the election? Did George W. Bush boast about beating John Kerry and Al Gore?

HOT ONLINE -- @TheDailyShow: "The Mooch did his homework"

<http://bit.ly/2uVevMw>

THE SHAKEUP STORIES ...

-- **"Trump shames Sessions amid shake-up speculation,"** by Josh Dawsey, Eliana Johnson, Nahal Toosi and Daniel Lippman: "Sessions was in the West Wing on Monday, though he didn't meet Trump, a White House spokeswoman said. New communications director Anthony Scaramucci told POLITICO the president remained upset. ... A George W. Bush administration National Security Council aide who remains in touch with the White House and a Trump transition aide separately said that, should he leave, [HR] McMaster would likely be replaced either by C.I.A. Director Mike Pompeo or by Bush's former United Nations Ambassador John Bolton. ... National Security Council staffers threw a surprise birthday party for McMaster early Monday evening on the balcony of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building.

"It was standing room only and paid for by the staffers ... Top aides Jared Kushner, Dina Powell and Tom Bossert attended the gathering, where there was singing and chocolate cake for the general, who turned 55 years old on Monday. ... One source familiar with conversations [Rex] Tillerson has had recently with associates said that Trump's top diplomat feels he is 'not being allowed to do his job' and is reconsidering how long he is willing to stay. Tillerson initially planned to stay for at least a year, the source said, but now 'he's no longer wedded to that idea.'" <http://politi.co/2gZkuup>

-- **FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH**: The buzz about Pompeo to the White House is widespread. But we hear he is very happy at the CIA and is not interested in a move. Could it happen? Sure. But people close to him see it as unlikely.

-- **"New communications director moves toward possible staff purge at White House,"** by WaPo's Philip Rucker and Ashley Parker: "Anthony Scaramucci ... is exercising a broad mandate from the president and intends to follow through on threats to purge aides he believes are disloyal to Trump and leaking to the press, officials with knowledge of the fast-moving effort said Monday. Just four days into the job,

Scaramucci has moved into Trump's inner sanctum and is now described by some colleagues as almost family to the president -- in contrast to his predecessor, outgoing press secretary Sean Spicer, who was described more like the help. In consultation with confidants inside and outside the administration, Scaramucci has begun undertaking an audit of the White House's dozens of press and communications staffers.

"He is meeting one-on-one with aides in an effort to understand each person's contributions and weed out those he determines are not working hard enough to defend the president through the crises besieging the White House ... Scaramucci wants the communications shop focused on serving a single client -- the president -- and is looking outside of the White House to recruit new advisers with professional experience, especially on television. He is considering bringing on corporate communications specialists as well as people who have on-air experience ... Scaramucci has deep contacts at Fox News, where he was a paid contributor and hosted a weekly show on Fox Business Network. Wayne Berman, a longtime Republican operative whose name has been previously floated as a possible chief of staff, is scheduled to meet with Scaramucci on Tuesday at the White House." <http://wapo.st/2eJHDRa>

THE COUNTER NARRATIVE -- "Democrats sidestep social issues in new economic push," by Heather Caygle and Elana Schor in Berryville, Virginia:

"Congressional Democratic leaders descended upon this rural Virginia town Monday to unveil a progressive economic package they say can win back working-class voters next November, even in red states. And noticeably missing, amid the talk of raising wages and reining in corporate interests, were the left-leaning stances on social issues that help form the backbone of the party, including immigration, abortion and LGBT rights.

"Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) vowed that his party's red-state incumbents would largely embrace the new agenda - which, he acknowledged, purposefully avoids the social issues that have already opened a rift this year between the party's liberal base and centrist bloc. 'There is not that divide on economic issues,' Schumer told reporters as Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, whose anti-corporate agenda influenced Democrats' new economic strategy, worked a small but adoring crowd in a county that went for Donald Trump by more than 55 percent last year. 'The focus starts on economic issues,' Schumer continued. 'That's where the American people are hurting. That's what we most felt was missing in the past in the last several elections.'" <http://politi.co/2tV5Fdw>

HOUSE DEMS FLEX MUSCLES -- "House Democrats stun GOP by sinking vets, intel bills," by Connor O'Brien: "House Democrats sank two key bills on the House floor Monday, embarrassing Republican leaders who were banking on the noncontroversial legislation sailing through - in a new sign of the opposition party's frustration with the majority's approach. Kicking off a busy week in the House, most Democrats and a handful of Republicans joined forces to deny GOP leaders big-enough majorities to pass an annual intelligence policy bill and legislation to restore funding for a key veterans health care program.

"Both bills came to the House floor Monday under suspension of the rules, an expedited process that allows for less than an hour of debate and no amendments but also requires a two-thirds majority for passage. The suspension process is typically used for noncontroversial bills that have broad bipartisan support. One suspension bill failing on the House floor is a rarity, but two back to back is extremely rare."

<http://politi.co/2tVsjm9>

-- **WORTH NOTING:** Yes, this is just a short-term win for Democrats. Republicans will find another procedural way to move the legislation through the chamber. But, it is significant that Democrats banded together after House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi sent a "Dear Colleague" letter to let force the intel bill to fail.

WHAT STEVE SCALISE TOLD HOUSE REPUBLICANS -- SCALISE is still in the hospital, but he dialed into the House Republican whip meeting. He told the crew that he's being well taken care of at Medstar Washington Hospital Center, and thanked Chief Deputy Whip Patrick McHenry (R-N.C.) for his hard work since the shooting.

TRUMP'S TUESDAY -- TRUMP has Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri at the White House. They'll hold a press conference at 3 p.m. Trump and the first lady leave for Vienna, Ohio, at 4:25 p.m. and hold a political rally at 7:05 p.m. They return to the White House late tonight.

JOIN US IN DENVER! Anna and Jake are holding a special Playbook Exchange event in Denver with Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper Aug. 1 at 5:30 p.m. MDT. **RSVP:**

<http://politi.co/2vEIRC9>

BIG IN JERUSALEM -- WSJ'S RORY JONES in Tel Aviv: **"Israel Removes Metal Detectors at Jerusalem Holy Site:** Dismantling of devices comes amid flurry of diplomacy by U.S. and Western officials after a weekend of violence": "Israel on Tuesday began removing metal detectors from one of Jerusalem's holiest sites, aiming to defuse tensions after their installation triggered widespread anger and protests among Palestinians and across the wider Arab world.

"The detectors were installed earlier this month after Arab gunmen shot dead two Israeli policeman at the site known to Jews as the Temple Mount compound and Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary. Their dismantling comes amid a flurry of diplomacy by U.S. and Western officials after a weekend of violence left three Israelis and at least three Palestinians dead. Israel said it would replace the detectors with sophisticated technology. The plan will be implemented in the coming months and include greater police presence around the entrance to the central Jerusalem site."

<http://on.wsj.com/2tVWGcp>

-- **AP** at 3:58 a.m.: "JERUSALEM (AP) -- Senior cleric says Muslims asked to stay away

from Jerusalem shrine pending review of new Israeli security arrangements."

THE JUICE ...

-- **GABRIEL SHERMAN TO JOIN VANITY FAIR** - Per a Hadas Gold exclusive in Morning Media: "The tireless chronicler of Fox News and Roger Ailes is leaving his longtime home New York magazine to join Graydon Carter's domain at Condé Nast. Sherman will be a special correspondent, contributing regular features to the magazine while also writing for The Hive, Vanity Fair's business-focused digital site."

-- **SPOTTED AT WWE MONDAY NIGHT RAW AT VERIZON CENTER:** SBA Administrator Linda McMahon -- who was president and CEO of WWE -- and Andy Surabian, special assistant to the president and deputy to Steve Bannon. They were not seated together, but both were spotted near ringside. Surabian shook hands with D.C. rapper Wale.

-- **JILL STEIN FOR PRESIDENT** just filed a campaign finance report, which showed her campaign manager made \$5,640 in June.

-- **REP. ADAM SCHIFF** (D-Calif.) is running promoted fundraising Tweets targeting Californians after Trump called him out on Twitter Monday morning by calling him "sleazy" and "totally biased." **Screenshot** <http://bit.ly/2tyKO0j>

-- **FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: JOHN GANS**, who was chief speechwriter to former Secretary of Defense Ash Carter and is now a lecturer at Johns Hopkins and a resident fellow at the German Marshall Fund, has signed a book deal with Liveright, a division of W.W. Norton, to publish a history of the White House NSC staff. Based on over 60 interviews including Dick Cheney, Zbigniew Brzezinski, Robert Gates and 10,000 original documents from nine presidential archives, "White House Warriors: How the National Security Council has Transformed the American Way of War" will be released next year.

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PHOTO DU JOUR: President Donald J. Trump poses for photographs with an outgoing group of interns at the White House on July 24. | Chris Kleponis/Pool/Getty

WILLIAM D. COHAN in the NYT, "This Is Not the Mooch I Know": "Anthony has the skills to make a big difference in this White House. He is smart, generous and funny, open-minded and ambitious - but not in an obnoxious way. He cares about being able to disagree without being disagreeable. ... We have shared many beers at Bill's, on East 54th Street, debating our opposing political viewpoints and sharing our life experiences. ... But the Anthony Scaramucci I know and admire was not the Anthony Scaramucci

who stepped up to the lectern in the White House briefing room on Friday afternoon. Dressed to the nines in a navy blue power suit, he was sycophantic. He professed his 'love' for Mr. Trump over and over again -- six times, by one count. It was painful and embarrassing to watch." <http://nyti.ms/2v2GA5o>

-- **ANDREW ROSS SORKIN: "Scaramucci on Trump: 'He's My Client'"**: "I was left for dead on the street, and now I'm headed for Air Force One," Mr. Scaramucci said by phone on Monday, literally on his way toward Air Force One for a quick trip with the president to Beaver, W.Va." <http://nyti.ms/2eKuvuS>

IN FOGGY BOTTOM -- "After Heated Clash With White House, Tillerson Eyes New Pick For Top Asia Envoy," by BuzzFeed's John Hudson: "Olin Wethington, a former Treasury Department official and a nonresident fellow at the Atlantic Council, is now a contender for the nomination of assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, four individuals familiar with the matter said. ... Tillerson originally wanted the job to go to Susan Thornton, a veteran diplomat who speaks Mandarin Chinese, two U.S. officials told BuzzFeed News. But White House officials opposed her due to concerns that her views were out of step with the president's agenda - a claim State Department officials deny." <http://bzfd.it/2ut6EFA>

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS -- "Source: Nunes likely to attend Kushner interview," by Kyle Cheney: "House intelligence committee chairman Devin Nunes - who stepped aside from the House's Russia probe amid partisan infighting - is expected to attend Tuesday's highly anticipated closed door interview of Jared Kushner, according to a GOP source. Nunes handed off leadership of the probe in April after the House Ethics Committee announced an inquiry into Nunes' handling of classified information, allegations Nunes said were a meritless ploy driven by liberal activists. Rep. Mike Conaway (R-Texas) has led the probe since then, aided by GOP Reps. Trey Gowdy (R-S.C) and Tom Rooney (R-Fla.)." <http://politi.co/2vEmLP3>

ISAAC DOVERE PODCAST -- The Terminator heads to the Supreme Court -- "Where is your machine?" Arnold Schwarzenegger asked Isaac Dovere, as they got ready to record Tuesday's Off Message podcast. "Go get your machine!" Once the machine was on, he explained how his political philosophy works, by way of how he came to be such a big afterschool program advocate. "There's the Austrian Arnold and the American Arnold. The American Arnold, the Republican, says, 'You've got to go. Don't help those kids. The parents should go home and they should do their job,'" he said. "So then it's the other Arnold, the Austrian Arnold that says, 'No, no. That's not the way we would do it over there.' ... They fight all the time. All the time, it's wild."

And for all his arguments with Trump, he said he hasn't given up hope. Trump has "really great potential, because I think that people still like him and I think that people want him to do well, especially his constituents." Trump can win over converts "by just making some adjustments," he said. The only politician he said he admires: Mike Bloomberg. Isaac suggested their work together was like a Twins sequel, and Schwarzenegger agreed, though "I didn't tell him that because otherwise, he feels like

he's the short guy and Michael Bloomberg doesn't like that." And will he be back? Only if California changes the state constitution to let him run for governor again. Drop the Senate run rumors forever, he said: "Why would I run for Senate? To be one of 100 here? That's not my style." <http://politi.co/2uSQkyR>

COMING ATTRACTIONS - "CBSN: On Assignment" premieres next Monday at 10 p.m. on CBS and CBSN. The episode will look at "how ISIS leaders turned a generation of kids into potential killers. The episode also will explore how Japan is using robots to repopulate and how foreign contractors are committing visa fraud to expand auto plants across the country." **Video preview** <http://cbsn.ws/2vSxXqG>

MEDIAWATCH -- NEW VARIETY COVER - "The Sinclair Scare: David Smith is building the biggest TV station business in America with an eye to innovating the entire industry. But his company has come under fire as a right-wing propaganda machine". <http://bit.ly/2eKB6Wm> ... **The cover** <http://politi.co/2uSTl25>

--JOE POMPEO's debut in Vanity Fair, "The Agony and the Anxiety of the New York Times": "As one editor put it, 'The mood at the paper is poisonous in a way I've never seen it in the past 15 years.' The ostensible reason is that the Times is undergoing yet another round of buyouts, set to be finalized on Thursday. ... [T]he Times's midtown Manhattan headquarters is itself being upended, shrinking by eight floors and leaving all but the highest of editors without private offices. ... At its core, the Times's internal transformation focuses on upending the paper's copy desk. ...

"For decades, the copy desk has been an all-seeing, all-powerful enforcer of Times standards and verbal peculiarities. As much as the reporters, writers, and editors, it's what makes the Times the Times. The traditional desk structure allowed for multiple eyes to be placed on every story-checking, tweaking, standardizing, changing 'dads' to 'fathers' and discouraging the use of 'launch' unless it involved a rocket, or perhaps a boat. ... In the reorganization, the copy desk is being eliminated as a freestanding entity. ... The Times's 109 copy editors were invited to re-apply for jobs under the new system, and those who didn't make the cut were encouraged to apply for buyout packages that also were offered to reporters and other editors."

--ANOTHER INTERESTING NUGGET FROM JOE'S STORY: "Insiders say the baton pass from longtime publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. to his 36-year-old son, A.G. Sulzberger, is beginning to feel imminent." <http://bit.ly/2v2Lb82>

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SPOTTED: Anthony Scaramucci last night outside the Trump hotel - **photo credit: David Bossie** <http://bit.ly/2eK16ko> (h/t @leslieshedd) ... Sen. Al Franken last night leaving Senat's Oyster & Grill room in Eastern Market ... former Sen. Norm Coleman (R-Minn.) yesterday leaving Speaker Paul Ryan's office with RJC board delegation and

entering Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell's office in the Capitol. **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2ty2IWA>

TRANSITIONS -- Paul Brinkley, former deputy undersecretary of Defense in the Bush and Obama administration, is partnering with former Senate Armed Services senior staffer William Greenwalt on a new investment firm that will provide capital and expertise to tech companies that serve the aerospace and defense markets. ... **Robert Scher** has been named head of international affairs at BP America. He has most recently served as the assistant secretary of defense for strategy, plans, and capabilities. ... Express Scripts has promoted **Gary Kline** to VP of federal government affairs. ...

... **Dominique McKay** has been named press secretary for Sen. John Thune (R-S.D.) at the Senate Republican Conference. McKay previously was deputy press secretary at the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. ... **Adam Scheidler** has been named creative director for the Senate Republican Conference. He currently is digital communications director at the House Committee on Financial Services.

ENGAGED - Jason Weinstein, managing director at Targeted Victory, recently proposed to **Jen Harrington**, who runs Conservative Connector, a Nevada and Wisconsin campaign veteran and a Bush 43 WH alum. "Sam Osborne and Matthias Reynolds introduced us in 2015. I asked Sam to make sure she invited Jen to more group outings so we could hang out. We went on our first date in June 2015 and have been together ever since." **How he proposed:** [W]e were playing card games after dinner at our favorite restaurant Epic. As Jen flipped over cards she saw the message 'Will You Marry Me?'. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2ty40vc> ... <http://bit.ly/2eJY4gg>

WEEKEND WEDDING -- Becket Adams and **Anneke Green** got married on Sunday at Christ Our Shepherd Church by the Rev. Stuart McAlpine followed by luncheon at Le Diplomate. The bride is senior director at the White House Writers Group, a columnist at RealClearPolitics, and a contributor to BBC News "who broke away from wedding festivities to offer commentary on Sean Spicer's resignation from the White House." The groom is a media critic and political commentary writer at the Washington Examiner "whose access to Twitter is being taken away for the duration of the honeymoon in Southeast Asia. ... Guests left with full bellies and favors of whole coffee beans by Washington, D.C. roastery Small Plains and 'Wedding Tea' by Harney and Sons." **Pic** <http://bit.ly/2tW6qD8>

WELCOME TO THE WORLD - OBAMA ALUMNI: Corey Then, who served for four years in the Obama Administration and is now associate general counsel at Edward Jones Investments, and **Lauren DeSantis-Then**, a partner at Polsinelli law firm, on Bastille Day, July 14, 2017, welcomed their second child, Francesa Lucia Then. "Francesca is pretty and perfect and Mom is doing well." Corey Then served as deputy associate counsel at the White House, special assistant to the President and deputy general counsel at the Department of Agriculture, and the family recently moved to St. Louis, Lauren's hometown. **Pics** <http://politi.co/2vViarg> ... <http://politi.co/2uS9mp4>

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Amy Holmes, political analyst for Rasmussen Reports. How she's celebrating: "I might take myself to see 'Wonder Woman.' I should also probably get a mani-pedi after a toe nail fell off a few weeks ago from a hiking trip." Read her Playbook Plus Q&A: <http://politi.co/2tyWv78>

BIRTHDAYS: Robert Zoellick, former World Bank president now a senior fellow at Harvard Kennedy School, is 64 ... Eve Kady is 11. She's celebrating by having a dinner with all three of her grandparents (hat tip: Dad, Marty) ... Grant Allen ... "Capital Tonight" host Liz Benjamin (hat tip: Josh Benson) ... Mike Nizza, editor at Bloomberg View, is 39 ... Arit John, Congress reporter at Bloomberg ... Judy Keen ... Fox News' Katy Ricalde ... Kristin Jones ... Christine Quinn, former NYC Council Speaker, is 51 (h/t Hilary Rosen) ... Erin Seidler ... Andrew Feldman ... Jake Maguire ... Alex Nguyen, comms director for Rep. Linda Sanchez (D-Calif.) ... Rebecca Gale, Roll Call and Commerce alum ... Liz Brown, LD for Rep. Kathy Castor (D-Fla.) (h/t Kurt Bardella) ...

... **Katie Martin**, communications director of NRSC. "She likes Vernors pop (never ask her to call it soda), which is a problem because it is a Detroit delicacy not easily found in the DC area." (h/t Chris Pack) ... Alan Chartock, WAMC president and CEO, is 76 ... Daily Caller White House correspondent Alex Pfeiffer is 21 ... Caroline Black ... Domenic Recchia ... Kirsten Mork ... TTR Sotheby's David DeSantis ... Anne Lykes ... Steph Korey, co-founder and CEO of Away ... Albany Times Union reporter Matthew Hamilton ... Erica Mills ... Austin Brooks, principal at Red Cedar Management ... Nicholas Evans ... Emily Casarona ... Chris Haas ... USAID's Alison Harding ... Anita Siegfried ... Beneva Schulte ... Tyler J. Wade ... Laura Elizabeth Donovan ... radio talk show host John Gibson is 71 ... Corey Vale ... Tony Welch ... Holly Armstrong ... Sarah Benzing ... Susan Goodwin ... Jesse Harris (h/ts Teresa Vilmain)

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GOOD NEWS -- House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.) was discharged from the hospital today and will begin "a period of intensive inpatient rehabilitation," according to a statement from MedStar Washington Hospital. **Full statement** <http://bit.ly/2h33jIJ>

Good Wednesday afternoon and happy hump day.

DRIVING TODAY -- NON-HEALTH CARE NEWS -- TRANSGENDER INDIVIDUALS BANNED FROM MILITARY SERVICE -- [@realDonaldTrump](https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump) on Twitter, in three separate tweets: "After consultation with my Generals and military experts, please be advised that the United States Government will not accept or allow Transgender individuals to serve in any capacity in the U.S. Military. Our military must be focused on decisive and overwhelming victory and cannot be burdened with the tremendous medical costs and disruption that transgender [sic] in the military would entail. Thank you". **Story from Louis Nelson** <http://politi.co/2h3ggcQ>

SIREN -- REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP in the Capitol had no idea this policy change was coming. They did not get a heads up from the White House.

DEFENSE SECRETARY JIM MATTIS is on vacation.

-- **MATTIS** announced a six-month delay on allowing openly transgender individuals from joining the military at the end of last month (**story from Jacqueline Klimas** <http://politi.co/2tYTpsv>).

THE BIG QUESTION: Will Trump kick transgender people out of the military if they are already serving?

ONE CONSERVATIVE HILL REPUBLICAN GCHATS US ABOUT THE WHITE HOUSE -- "I swear their every instinct is wrong."

-- **A 2016 STUDY** from the RAND Corporation, a nonprofit research organization that

gets the majority of its funding from the Defense department, national security agencies and the U.S. military, estimated the "costs of gender transition-related health care treatment are relatively low," increasing costs by "between \$2.4 million and \$8.4 million annually, representing a 0.04- to 0.13-percent increase in active-component health care expenditures." **Key findings** <http://bit.ly/2tZcWcu> ... **Full report** <http://bit.ly/2tYX9dJ>

FROM REPUBLICANS -- @JohnBerman: "JUST NOW: GOP Sen.Richard Shelby responded to new transgender policy. He said (roughly) 'I think everybody should be able to serve.'" ... **@jasonnobleDMR:** "'Americans who are qualified and can meet the standards to serve in the military should be afforded that opportunity,' @SenJoniErnst says." ... **@yashar:** "McCain on trans ban: 'No reason to force service members who are able to fight, to leave military, regardless of their gender identity'"

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR D.C. -- THIS ISSUE is incredibly divisive on Capitol Hill. We saw that last week, when a similar amendment was offered on the House floor, and it failed. **THE GOP "SECURITYBUS" SPENDING BILL** is on the floor, and we hear Democrats are going to try to attach language to it to overturn this ban.

STATEMENT FROM THE PENTAGON: Navy Cpt. Jeff Davis, a DoD spokesman: "We refer all questions about the President's statements to the White House. We will continue to work closely with the White House to address the new guidance provided by the Commander-in-Chief on transgender individuals serving the military. We will provide revised guidance to the Department in the near future."

-- IN OTHER WORDS: Ask the guys on Pennsylvania Avenue.

GET SMART FAST -- Quick facts from Jacqueline Klimas, Matt Nussbaum and Connor O'Brien on transgender service members and existing Pentagon policy.
<http://politi.co/2eNvNW9>

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FASCINATING COMMENT, from **HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER KEVIN MCCARTHY (R-CALIF.)** about **TRUMP** on David Brody's "Faith Nation" on CBN: "When you give [Trump] all the information, he usually makes the right decision. But sometimes I find some people don't give him the opportunity to give him all the information and steer him in one direction or another." <http://bit.ly/2eO9vDL>

SPOTTED -- EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, dining at Le Diplomate Tuesday night... again! Reminder: he went there after the U.S. withdrew from the Paris climate accords.

THE NEXT HEALTH CARE VOTES -- THE SENATE will vote at 3:30 p.m. on repeal and delay. It is expected to fail.

CLICKER -- From the Senate Budget Committee: "In order to assist people following the action on the floor this week, the Senate Budget Committee will be posting amendments and floor alerts during the health care debate on our budget blog".

<http://bit.ly/2uZdXFN>

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ON THE HORIZON ON OBAMACARE REPEAL -- From **BURGESS EVERETT, JEN HABERKORN** and **SEUNG MIN KIM:** "Now the Senate GOP is aiming for what Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price called the 'lowest common denominator' as its likely end game: repealing Obamacare's individual and employer mandates as well as its tax on medical devices. Though the contents of that so-called 'skinny repeal' could still change, but those three elements may be all the Senate can pass at this point. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Tuesday called the possibility of a skeletal plan a 'political punt,' but it may be that that can clear the narrowly divided chamber.

"**We'll see at the end of the day** what's in it but overall I think I'd support it,' said Sen. Dean Heller of Nevada, the most vulnerable GOP incumbent. He said slashing Obamacare's Medicaid expansion or its growth rate should be a non-starter. At the other end of the GOP spectrum, Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) also signaled he could live with the minimalist approach. ... That would leave out the divisive issues of future cuts to Medicaid spending and efforts to create a new tax credit system for the individual markets. Republicans can only lose two votes on whatever they pass in the end. ...

"**Republicans need a score** on any proposal from the Congressional Budget Office to vote at a 50-vote threshold. They are aiming for a vote on Friday on their final plan after the unlimited amendment process on the 'vote-a-rama,' expected sometime Thursday. In the final bill designed by Republicans at the end of the process, Republicans could try to add in more elements than repealing the mandates and device tax, but that could complicate efforts to get a quick CBO score." <http://politi.co/2eNTldi>

-- **AND ...** Remember how hard it was for the House to figure out something to pass? A negotiation between the House and Senate will be tricky. Then both chambers have to pass whatever comes out of that negotiation.

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- "Republican Study Committee chief: Ryan promises budget vote in September," by Sarah Ferris: "The House GOP budget resolution is finally headed to the floor - just not until September. Republican Study Committee Chairman Mark Walker says he has struck a deal with House Speaker Paul Ryan to revive the fiscal blueprint, in exchange for dropping demands for a full GOP omnibus this week. The legislation, which is crucial to unlocking the Republican plans for a tax overhaul this fall, has been stalled for months amid Republican infighting." <http://politi.co/2h35yM2>

ELAINA PLOTT in WASHINGTONIAN -- "Eric Cantor: 'If You've Got That Anger Working for You, You're Gonna Let It Be'": "If you hang around Twitter on a day when President Trump does something especially head-turning and Paul Ryan goes especially quiet, you'll likely encounter some quip about how blissful John Boehner must be. ... There's no such narrative around Eric Cantor, the former Republican House majority leader from Richmond who was spectacularly ousted in his 2014 primary by a no-name economics professor. 'There's no denying that he misses all of it,' says Cantor's former deputy chief of staff, John Murray -- a sentiment the ex-congressman himself confirms. When he talks to Boehner, Cantor tells me, Boehner will say something to the effect of 'I am so glad I'm not there dealing with those mm-mm-mms' -- those pesky Freedom Caucus members whom many in the GOP hold responsible for sparking the party's new populist flavor and egging on the anger that led to Trump's election. Not Cantor. 'I never felt like that,' he says. ...

"Cantor is still painstakingly abreast of what's going on in the Capitol, texting often with members such as Kevin McCarthy, his successor, and Patrick McHenry, chief deputy whip, to offer advice and then popping up on cable news to reassure Republicans that the party is just going through 'growing pains.' ...

"Asked if he feels partly responsible for [the Republican party's] current predicament [with struggling to repeal Obamacare], Cantor is unequivocal. 'Oh,' he says, '100 percent.' He goes further: 'To give the impression that if Republicans were in control of the House and Senate, that we could do that when Obama was still in office ...' His voice trails off and he shakes his head. 'I never believed it.'" <http://bit.ly/2h2J6CD>

OTHER TRUMP TWEETS -- @realDonaldTrump at 6:49 a.m.: "The crowd in Ohio was amazing last night - broke all records. We all had a great time in a great State. Will be back soon!" ... **at 7:13 a.m.**: "Senator @lisamurkowski of the Great State of Alaska really let the Republicans, and our country, down yesterday. Too bad!" ... **at 9:48 a.m.**: "Why didn't A.G. Sessions replace Acting FBI Director Andrew McCabe, a Comey friend who was in charge of Clinton investigation but got..." ... **at 9:52 a.m.**: "...big dollars (\$700,000) for his wife's political run from Hillary Clinton and her representatives. Drain the Swamp!"

-- **TRUMP** seems to be referring to money Andrew McCabe's wife Jill got in political contributions from groups linked to Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe, who is friends with the Clintons.

REINCE SURVIVAL WATCH -- NYT's Peter Baker, Jeremy Peters, and Rebecca R. Ruiz: "Reince Priebus, the chief of staff, is still on the bubble and said to be looking for a graceful exit of his own." <http://nyti.ms/2eNCMhN>

FOR TRUMP'S WIN BOARD -- "Trump to Announce Apple Supplier Foxconn Opening Wisconsin Plant," by Bloomberg's Justin Sink: "President Donald Trump will announce Wednesday that Foxconn Technology Group plans a new factory in Wisconsin, fulfilling the Taiwanese manufacturing giant's promise to invest in the U.S.

The factory will open in the home district of House Speaker Paul Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican, who personally lobbied Trump and White House chief of staff Reince Priebus to help secure the plant. It's expected to employ about 3,000 people at first and, after an initial \$10 billion investment, the facility is scheduled to expand over a 2 1/2-year period ...

"Foxconn chairman Terry Gou plans to join Trump, Ryan, Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, and Vice President Mike Pence at the White House to make the announcement. The decision to place the plant in Ryan's southeastern Wisconsin district is a political win for the speaker ... [and] Priebus ... Both were personally involved in securing the factory for Wisconsin. Ryan met with Foxconn executives on June 20 in Washington to pitch them on the state, and three weeks later, held a dinner along with Walker for company officials." <https://bloom.bg/2uZBfuV>

WHAT LANGLEY IS READING -- "Director Pompeo Details How the CIA Is Changing Under President Trump" -- Washington Free Beacon's Bill Gertz: <http://bit.ly/2uC4u4G>

THE HILL'S ANNUAL 50 Most Beautiful list: <http://bit.ly/2uXw674>

WHAT THEY'RE READING AT CRAIG'S -- "Bill Clinton, James Patterson Courting Spielberg, Clooney to Adapt 'President' Book," by the Hollywood Reporter's Rebecca Ford and Kim Masters: "Hollywood will be getting a visit from one of the most high-profile names in politics this week as a battle begins to brew for the film rights to one of the biggest literary properties of the year. Former President Bill Clinton and best-selling author James Patterson will be meeting producers to talk about an adaptation of their novel *The President Is Missing*, due out in June 2018.

"CAA's Richard Lovett is handling the rights to the project, which is being treated as a top-secret property. Sources say a 10-page proposal was sent out to buyers and top producers on Monday. It was sent via an expiring link and watermarked. Not everyone who received the proposal will be invited to have a meeting with Clinton and Patterson, however. Sources say that Clinton and Patterson themselves will meet with interested producers this week. J.J. Abrams, Steven Spielberg and George Clooney are among those who will be taking in-person meetings with the pair. Producer Steve Bing, known to be a close friend of Clinton, is also said to be getting a meeting." <http://bit.ly/2tZ5Zbq>

SPOTTED: Heather Podesta and Joan Nathan at separate tables last night at the Watergate Hotel's Kingbird restaurant at the 50th anniversary dinner celebrating the opening of the hotel and honoring the hotel's former chef Jean-Louis Palladin ... Corey Lewandowski, Jonathan Karl and John Santucci having breakfast at 7:30 a.m. this morning at the Hay Adams ... at the Trump Hotel last night: Anthony Scaramucci, Kellyanne Conway, Corey Lewandowski, and Rep. Peter King (R-N.Y.).

TRANSITIONS -- Lauren Fritts has started as director of WeWork public affairs, based

in the company's HQ on 18th Street in Chelsea. For the past year, she has been consulting for various non profit and media companies and before that spent five years with Chris Christie, including as digital director on his presidential campaign. ... **Mike Godwin** has joined the Niskanen Center as a senior fellow. He was most recently the director of innovation policy at the R Street Institute.

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THAT SETTLES IT! -- AP at 5:54 a.m.: "ST.PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) - Putin denies Russian state involvement in hacking, says hackers can't affect elections results abroad."

Good Thursday morning and happy first day of June. **THE PARIS ANNOUNCEMENT -- 3 P.M. TODAY -- THE BACKDROP** -- President Donald Trump -- joined by Vice President Mike Pence -- will announce whether the United States will drop out of the Paris climate agreement, joining Syria, which is in the midst of a civil war, and Nicaragua, which wanted the agreement to go further in punishing nations that don't comply. Inside the White House, there is near uniform agreement Trump will pull out, but some senior aides still think Trump will try to squeeze out a "better deal" by only partially ditching the climate accord.

ANDREW RESTUCCIA and JOSH DAWSEY -- "Inside the struggle to sway Trump on Paris: Steve Bannon and Scott Pruitt have spent months building pressure on the president to exit the climate deal -- and trying to outmaneuver Ivanka Trump": "Donald Trump's chief strategist and EPA administrator maneuvered for months to get the president to exit the Paris climate accord, shrewdly playing to his populist instincts and publicly pressing the narrative that the nearly 200-nation deal was effectively dead - boxing in the president on one of his highest-profile decisions to date.

"Steve Bannon and Scott Pruitt have sought to outsmart the administration's pro-Paris group of advisers, including Trump's daughter Ivanka, who were hoping the

president could be swayed by a global swell of support for the deal from major corporations, U.S. allies, Al Gore and even the pope. But some of that pro-Paris sentiment wound up being surprisingly tepid, according to White House aides who had expected that European leaders would make a stronger case during Trump's trip abroad earlier this month. ...

"Some White House aides held out the prospect that the president still might take the middle course that Ivanka Trump and others had advocated -- staying in the deal while drastically scaling back the Obama administration's non-binding carbon cleanup promises. But three White House officials said Wednesday that they expect Trump to make a clean break by withdrawing from the agreement, though they noted it's possible the president changes his mind at the last minute." <http://politi.co/2rsvPXM>

THE NITTY GRITTY ON HOW TRUMP CAN WITHDRAW, from Dawsey and Restuccia: "If he withdraws, how will Trump do it? He could abide by the formal procedures in the underlying text of the agreement, which mandate that a formal withdrawal will not go into effect until at least Nov. 4, 2020. Or he could pull out of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the underlying 1992 treaty that governs the negotiations, which would allow for a speedier pullout -- a far more radical step that would see the U.S. abstain from the entire climate negotiating process. He could also declare that the agreement is a treaty, which would require a two-thirds-majority ratification vote in the Senate that would certainly fail."

GOOD DETAIL, from NYT's Mike Shear and Coral Davenport: "At home, he faced urgent pleas from corporate leaders, including Tim Cook, the chief executive of Apple, who told Mr. Trump on Tuesday that pulling out was wrong for business, the economy and the environment. Elon Musk, the chief executive of Tesla, threatened to resign from two White House advisory boards if the president withdrew from the Paris agreement." <http://nyti.ms/2shnrbA>

--"All the ways Trump is shredding Obama's climate agenda" - Politico
<http://politi.co/2qDy5MD>

-- BOSTON GLOBE: "Boston scraps summit on climate with China": "The State Department-sponsored summit in Boston, revealed last June by then-secretary of state John F. Kerry, would have brought thousands of urban and business leaders to Boston from cities across the United States and China. It would have been the third such conference." <http://bit.ly/2sgZTU2>

ONLY IN PLAYBOOK: UNDERSTANDING TRUMP -- THE DAWSEY DOWNLOAD : "Senior administration officials told a dozen news outlets President Trump would withdraw from the Paris Accord, leaving few people completely sure he would do so. It is one of many hall-of-mirrors, sometimes head-spinning aspects of Trump's White House. Administration officials and advisers fan flames of firing officials like Sean Spicer and Reince Priebus, and even speculate on replacements, while the current aide works. As one Spicer ally recently said: 'How many times have people said he was going to be

fired? He is still at the podium.'

"Administration officials leak to the media hoping it will eventually become true and that coverage will sway Trump. White House officials sometimes don't trust one another and spread rumors. They call other aides and advisers to see what he is saying about them. And officials are contradicted by other officials -- and even Trump, who tests different strategies aloud to different people. He sometimes agrees with whoever is in the room with him. He likes to please and can dial dozens of friends in a weekend.

"So while Trump told people he was pulling out of the accord, and officials began moves to make it so, no one was exactly sure if he would change his mind before 3 p.m., when he promised a Rose Garden announcement. As one adviser he frequently speaks to said of a different issue last week: 'I heard that two days ago. That might not be true anymore.' Corey Lewandowski, Trump's first campaign manager, reminded people on the trail: The only person who speaks for Trump is Trump. It just depends who he is speaking to -- and when he is speaking."

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THE STORY DRIVING NEXT WEEK -- "Comey Expected to Testify Before Senate, if He Isn't Blocked," by NYT's Matt Apuzzo and Mike Schmidt: "Senators expect the former F.B.I. director, James B. Comey, to testify next week about his conversations with President Trump, congressional officials said on Wednesday, setting up a test of the White House's willingness to cooperate with investigations into Mr. Trump's associates.

"Putting the highly anticipated hearing on the calendar would force Mr. Trump to decide whether to invoke executive privilege and try to prevent Mr. Comey from testifying. Mr. Comey is expected to be asked about several conversations he had with the president, including one in which he says Mr. Trump encouraged him to stop investigating his former national security adviser, Michael T. Flynn."
<http://nyti.ms/2qDSUHM>

THE LATEST ON RUSSIA -- "House Russia investigators subpoena Flynn, Cohen," by Austin Wright: "The House Intelligence Committee on Wednesday approved subpoenas for former National Security Adviser Michael Flynn and President Donald Trump's longtime personal attorney, Michael Cohen, as part of the panel's investigation into Russia's meddling in the presidential election. The panel is also issuing subpoenas to businesses owned by the two men. The subpoenas to Flynn and Cohen were part of seven total subpoenas issued by the House committee on Wednesday, according to a congressional source who spoke on the condition of anonymity. Four of the subpoenas were related to the Russia probe, and three others were related to the issue of 'unmasking' - the process used by intelligence officials to learn the identities of people inside the United States who are referenced in intelligence

reports." <http://politi.co/2rX1QYt>

WELCOME BACK -- "Trump administration moves to return Russian compounds in Maryland and New York," by WaPo's Karen DeYoung and Adam Entous: "The Trump administration is moving toward handing back to Russia two diplomatic compounds, near New York City and on Maryland's Eastern Shore, that its officials were ejected from in late December as punishment for Moscow's interference in the 2016 presidential election. ... Early last month, the Trump administration told the Russians that it would consider turning the properties back over to them if Moscow would lift its freeze, imposed in 2014 in retaliation for U.S. sanctions related to Ukraine, on construction of a new U.S. consulate on a certain parcel of land in St. Petersburg. Two days later, the U.S. position changed. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson told Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak at a meeting in Washington that the United States had dropped any linkage between the compounds and the consulate, according to several people with knowledge of the exchanges." <http://wapo.st/2qiWT0R>

--**"Russia escalates spy games after years of U.S. neglect,"** by Ali Watkins: "In the throes of the 2016 campaign, the FBI found itself with an escalating problem: Russian diplomats, whose travel was supposed to be tracked by the State Department, were going missing. The diplomats, widely assumed to be intelligence operatives, would eventually turn up in odd places, often in middle-of-nowhere USA. One was found on a beach, nowhere near where he was supposed to be. In one particularly bizarre case, relayed by a U.S. intelligence official, another turned up wandering around in the middle of the desert.

"Interestingly, both seemed to be lingering where underground fiber optics cables tend to run. According to another U.S. intelligence official, 'they find these guys driving around in circles in Kansas. It's a pretty aggressive effort.' It's a trend that has led intelligence officials to conclude the Kremlin is waging a quiet effort to map the United States' telecommunications infrastructure, perhaps preparing for an opportunity to disrupt it." <http://politi.co/2qDSyNh>

COMING ATTRACTIONS -- "Benghazi investigators set for rematch on Trump-Russia scandal," by Kyle Cheney and Austin Wright: "The last time Trey Gowdy and Elijah Cummings oversaw a politically explosive investigation, the two congressmen ripped into each other on national TV, as a grimacing Hillary Clinton looked on. With Washington in the grip of a new scandal over President Donald Trump and his team's possible ties to Russia, Gowdy and Cummings appear set for a reunion that would test a deeply divided Congress' ability to hold the White House to account. ...

"The Gowdy-Cummings relationship, forged over two years as the leaders of the House Select Committee on Benghazi, is as complicated as it will be critical. It's often harder for the executive branch to ignore bipartisan requests, which was a difficult hurdle during the Benghazi probe. The two men have squabbled publicly, but when the cameras are off, both profess respect for each other and an ability to work together,

however haltingly." <http://politi.co/2qJk2jD>

KEN VOGEL: "We were used, abused and exploited": "As he built support for his signature political issue, Donald Trump formed a powerful partnership with a non-profit group dedicated to families of those killed by undocumented immigrants, but now some of those families are alleging they were exploited by both the non-profit group and President Trump. More than a dozen families involved in the Houston-based Remembrance Project - including two who spoke at the Republican National Convention and several more who spoke at Trump's rallies or were featured in his campaign ads -- have parted ways with the organization, according to people familiar with the situation, including six of the families." <http://politi.co/2rHsXr0>

PAGE SIX: "CBS scrambling to find Scott Pelley replacement": "CBS insiders say Norah O'Donnell has the gravitas for the job, but news chiefs are reluctant to take her out of 'CBS This Morning,' which she hosts alongside Charlie Rose and Gayle King, because the show is doing so well it could soon overtake NBC's 'Today' in overall ratings.

"One insider said, 'Norah would be willing to do both the evening and the morning if CBS wanted her to do so, but it would be a lot of work.' CBS News chiefs had been in talks with Willie Geist last year, but insiders said he wanted too much money to leave NBC. Other TV insiders say CNN's Jake Tapper could have been up for the role as he 'had been making it clear that he's ready for something bigger.' But Tapper, as well as Anderson Cooper, who's reported for '60 Minutes,' have long-term contracts with CNN. Plus, CBS News doesn't need to get the new evening anchor into the chair until September for the fall-ratings push." <http://pge.sx/2qJ17W7>

THE JUICE ...

--**JOE AND MIKA** will serve as visiting fellows this summer and fall at Harvard Kennedy School's Institute of Politics. They'll do a D.C. event with IOP students and alums in the "Summer in Washington" program and will go up to Cambridge in the fall to do more campus events with students. <http://bit.ly/2reEdcP>

-- **WAP0 SCOOP:** The Obamas paid \$8.1 million to buy the Kalorama home they've been renting from Joe and Giovanna Lockhart. Lockhart purchased the house for \$5.295 million in 2014. <http://wapo.st/2refFRg>

-- **EVERETT EISSENSTAT**, the Senate Finance Committee's top Republican trade counsel, is expected to join the National Economic Council as deputy director, Adam Behsudi, Andrew Restuccia and Ben White report. <http://politi.co/2rsGcLc>

-- **PETER J. BOYER** to the Weekly Standard: "Morning Media has learned that he'll be a national correspondent at the 22-year-old conservative publication, as part of what EIC Stephen Hayes is calling a 'big staff expansion.' Boyer is an illustrious magazine veteran who has done tours at Vanity Fair, The New Yorker and Newsweek. But his

most recent job, as an editor at large for Fox News, included a brush with controversy, as it was revealed that Boyer was present for a series of 'war room' meetings in which Roger Ailes plotted a smear campaign against biographer Gabriel Sherman."

-- **DAVID SUTPHEN** is leaving the Brunswick Group after nearly nine years at the firm. He is joining 2U, which partners with colleges and universities to work on digital education, as chief communications and engagement officer. **George Little** will replace Sutphen as head of the Brunswick Group's D.C. office. Little joined the firm in 2015 as a partner. He previously was a Pentagon press secretary and director of public affairs and spokesman for the CIA.

THE MOMENT -- per California Playbook: Recode's Kara Swisher to Sen. Kamala Harris on stage Tuesday night at the #codecon conference in Rancho Palos Verdes: "Are you planning on running for President in 2020?" Harris: "I'm not giving that any considering. I've got to stay focused." Swisher: "That's a yes." <http://bit.ly/2qEeWWK>

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PHOTO DU JOUR: A member of the Secret Service looks out on the North Lawn from a balcony of the White House on May 31. | Andrew Harnik/AP Photo

CLICKER - Mary Meeker's annual report -- "Internet Trends 2017 -- Code Conference" <http://bit.ly/1dB4Zm9>

LETHAL DUO -- ADAM NAGOURNEY and JONATHAN MARTIN in Vista, California: **"Democrats' Bid to Regain Hold on House Begins in California":** "If Democrats have any chance of capturing the 24 Republican seats they need to take back control of the House, the road to victory starts here in California, and particularly in Orange County, a former conservative bastion that favored Hillary Clinton in 2016. It was the first time the county had voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1936.

"All 14 members of the California Republican congressional delegation voted to repeal the Affordable Care Act, including seven who, like Mr. Issa, represent districts that voted for Mrs. Clinton. Four of those come from districts that include Orange County. With its changing demographics and its declining Republican Party, California has increasingly loomed as the center of any national battle for House control. The Trump fervor this year offers an opportunity for Democrats to make the sort of congressional district gains that have eluded them even as they have come to dominate state politics over the last decade.

"At least for one election, it seems, there will be a role reversal: The state that has

long served mostly as just an A.T.M. for candidates from across the nation will be on the receiving end of campaign cash. The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, in an early show of force, is opening an office in Irvine. The committee's western director, Kyle Layman, is already on the scene, working at a cafe table outside a Whole Foods Market in Tustin until a lease is signed." <http://nyti.ms/2sqW2mO>

THE ECONOMIST WEIGHS IN ON U.K. ELECTIONS -- "Backing the open, free-market centre is not just directed towards this election. We know that this year the Lib Dems are going nowhere. But the whirlwind unleashed by Brexit is unpredictable. Labour has been on the brink of breaking up since [Jeremy] Corbyn took over. If [Theresa] May polls badly or messes up Brexit, the Tories may split, too. Many moderate Conservative and Labour MPs could join a new liberal centre party-just as parts of the left and right have recently in France. So consider a vote for the Lib Dems as a down-payment for the future. Our hope is that they become one element of a party of the radical centre, essential for a thriving, prosperous Britain." <http://econ.st/2rHxOYU>

2020 WATCH -- "Trump to hold reelection fundraiser in June," by Alex Isenstadt: "President Donald Trump continues to prepare for his next election - in 2020. Trump is slated to headline a Washington, D.C. fundraising dinner on June 28 that will benefit Trump Victory, a joint fundraising agreement between Trump's campaign and the Republican National Committee, according to an invitation obtained by POLITICO. Funds raised at the event will be split between the two accounts." <http://politi.co/2mcyoh>

-- **"Biden launches PAC, keeping options open,"** by Isaac Dove: Former Vice President Joe Biden will launch a new PAC on Thursday, American Possibilities, giving him a way of supporting candidates and keeping his own options open for a potential 2020 presidential run. Officially, the group will be 'dedicated to electing people who believe that this country is about dreaming big, and supporting groups and causes that embody that spirit,' according to the PAC's launch materials. Biden has hired Greg Schultz, his political director during his second term as vice president, as the executive director of the PAC." <http://politi.co/2qDwana>

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THE FAMILY -- "How Jared Kushner built a luxury skyscraper using loans meant for job-starved areas," by WaPo's Shawn Boburg: "Jared Kushner and his real estate partners wanted to take advantage of a federal program in 2015 that would save them

millions of dollars as they built an opulent, 50-story residential tower in this city's booming waterfront district, just across the Hudson River from Lower Manhattan. There was just one problem: The program was designed to benefit projects in poor, job-starved areas. So the project's consultants got creative, records show.

"They worked with state officials in New Jersey to come up with a map that defined the area around 65 Bay Street as a swath of land that stretched nearly four miles and included some of the city's poorest and most crime-ridden neighborhoods. At the same time, they excluded some wealthy neighborhoods only blocks away. The tactic - critics liken it to the gerrymandering of legislative districts - made it appear that the luxury tower was in an area with extraordinarily high unemployment, allowing Kushner Companies and its partners to get \$50 million in low-cost financing through the EB-5 visa program." <http://wapo.st/2sqUvNx>

-- **"Trump administration approves tougher visa vetting, including social media checks,"** by Reuters' Yeganeh Torbati: "Critics argued that the new questions would be overly burdensome, lead to long delays in processing and discourage international students and scientists from coming to the United States. Under the new procedures, consular officials can request all prior passport numbers, five years' worth of social media handles, email addresses and phone numbers and 15 years of biographical information including addresses, employment and travel history." <http://reut.rs/2rsrX94>

TRUMP'S WHITE HOUSE -- "Trump White House grants waivers of ethics rules," by Josh Gerstein: "President Donald Trump's executive order on ethics has been waived at least 11 times since the administration came into office in January, according to records the White House posted online Wednesday night. The waivers allow White House staffers to work on matters that could affect their former employers or clients or involve issues from which the aides would be normally be excluded because of past lobbying work. The waivers allow White House staffers to work on matters that could affect their former employers or clients or involve issues from which the aides would be normally be excluded because of past lobbying work." <http://politi.co/2rHz1zL>

-- **WHO GOT THE WAIVERS:** Kellyanne Conway to work with former clients, Stephen Bannon to engage with Breitbart, energy lobbyist Michael Catanzaro to work on "energy and environmental policy issues," and tax policy adviser Shahira Knight, formerly of Fidelity, to work on tax issues. Andrew Olmem, a White House economic aide, to work on finance issues although he previously lobbied for the industries, Mike Pence's chief of staff Josh Pitcock to work on issues related to Indiana and six lawyers from Jones Day, "including [Don] McGahn, were granted approval to take part in meetings with their former Jones Day colleagues relating to the firm's ongoing legal representation of Trump, his campaign and related entities."

-- **POLITICO EUROPE** has launched a U.K. Election Tracker. **Available for iPhones** <http://politi.co/2sl4gN1>

MEDIAWATCH - SiriusXM later this week is launching two new weekend shows, as it

continues to brand itself as "The Voice of the Resistance" to the Trump administration. "Signal Boost" is hosted by former Clinton campaign staffers Zerlina Maxwell and Jess McIntosh and will premiere on Saturday at 10 a.m. ET, while "#WokeAF" launches Sunday at 10 a.m. ET on SiriusXM Progress channel 127.

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SPOTTED: Janet Yellen on yesterday's 1:25 pm United flight from Washington to Chicago with four security guards ... Kurt Bardella as a background actor as a "Reporter" in a few episodes of this new season of "House of Cards" -- **pics** <http://bit.ly/2rnCnoc>

HAPPENING TODAY: Former HHS Secretary Sylvia Mathews Burwell starts her first day as American University's first female president. Burwell's scheduled to meet with faculty, staff and students as part of a listening tour.

WASHINGTON INC. - Targeted Victory is forming a new partnership with Chris Wilson's polling and intelligence firm WPAI. <http://politi.co/2shekY8>

TRANSITIONS -- Christine Wormuth will be the Atlantic Council's first director of its new Adrienne Arsht Center for Resilience. She was formerly under secretary of defense for policy under President Barack Obama.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD -- Mary Beth Gombita, director of media relations at the Competitive Enterprise Institute, and **Stephen Gombita**, an associate at DLA Piper, recently welcomed Palmer Stephen Gombita. **Pic** <http://politi.co/2rnDDrz>

-- **Alicia D'Angelo**, account manager for audience solutions at POLITICO, and **Charles D'Angelo**, president at Westmount Capital Group welcomed their daughter into the world on Tuesday at 11:30 p.m. "Arabella Charlotte D'Angelo arrived almost 2 weeks after her due date, and while mom and dad are thrilled she is finally with them, everyone on the Audience Solutions team is slightly disappointed that no one won the due date betting pool." **Pics** <http://politi.co/2qEmsoo> ... <http://politi.co/2sh5oSV>

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Alex Seitz-Wald, political reporter for NBC News and MSNBC. How he's celebrating: "My wife and I went to a bed and breakfast on the water in the Eastern Shore of Maryland over the Memorial Day weekend, which was also our first anniversary! I'll also get together with some friends at a bar in D.C. on my actual birthday." Read his Playbook Plus Q&A: <http://politi.co/2rsLnuC>

BIRTHDAYS: Sam Smith -- her parents are coming into town to take her to dinner at Le Diplomate (hat tips: Bubba and Charlie the dog) ... Alex Allbritton is 10 ... Dan Bartlett ... Alex Stoddard (h/t Geoff Morrell) ... Rep. Gregg Harper (R-Miss.) is 61 ... Spencer Ackerman, national security reporter at the Daily Beast and a Guardian and Wired alum,

is 37 ... Washington's favorite winemaker Alex Gambal ... Jenny Cizner of the Chicago Council on Global Affairs ... Karen Tramontano of Blue Star Strategies ... Leslie Harris (h/ts Jon Haber) ... Constance Boozer, research assistant for Senate Majority Leader Leader Schumer ... Elizabeth Glidden ... former Rep. Mark Green (R-Wisc.) is 57 ... Axios news desk reporter Shane Savitsky (h/t Bubba) ... Irena Vidulovic ... Elizabeth Rojas Levi ... Forest Harger ... Cruz-world's Jason Johnson ... Greg Nelson ... Nairi Hourdajian, VP of marketing and comms at Canaan Partners and an Uber and GPG alum ... Ronnie Dunn, one half of the legendary duo Brooks & Dunn (h/t Kurt Bardella) ...

... **Erin Shields Britt**, director of corporate comms. at CVS Health ... GOP ad man and Pittsburgh native Jim Innocenzi ... Mark Lotto ... Matt Burns ... Mac O'Brien, senior associate at Hamilton Place Strategies ... Suzanne Merkelson ... Addie Bryant ... Sean Kennedy, former Obama WH aide turned SVP for global gov't affairs for Airlines for America ... Steve Duprey ... Diane Zeleny ... Bill Shuler ... Christopher Minakowski is 46 ... Dominic Vilmain ... Abby Spring ... Timothy Gannon ... Heather Matson ... Addisu Demissie (h/ts Teresa Vilmain) ... Steven Holmes ... Dee Sachetti ... Terrance Green ... Pat Boone is 83 ... Morgan Freeman is 8-0 ... Heidi Klum is 44 ... Alanis Morissette is 43 (h/ts AP)

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Driving the Day

BULLETIN -- WJLA: "Officials: Amtrak train hits, kills 2 CSX employees on tracks in D.C., service suspended": "Amtrak has suspended all service between Philadelphia and D.C. because of the incident. The D.C. Fire Department say they were called to the 1200 block of New York Avenue at around 11:55 p.m. and found the two victims. They were pronounced dead at the scene." <http://bit.ly/2uhJX4m>

Good Wednesday morning. THE QUOTE REPUBLICANS IN D.C. ARE TALKING ABOUT -- DONALD TRUMP at the top of a meeting with Republican senators about health care Tuesday afternoon: "This will be great if we get it done. And if we don't get it done, it's just going to be something that we're not going to like. And that's OK, and I understand that very well."

A MAJORITY, BUT FOR WHAT? -- THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE DONALD TRUMP AT HIS STRONGEST. He became president in an election that shocked the political system. **YET** most of his legislative goals remain far off. Tax reform remains undone. They have not repealed or replaced Obamacare. Passing an infrastructure bill remains just a goal. They have not funded a massive border wall. Congress hasn't passed a budget and is squirming to strike a deal to lay out a fiscal blueprint. One White House insider pointed to Neil Gorsuch's confirmation as Trump's principal legislative achievement.

MESSAGE TO 1600 -- HOW YOU CAN TURN IT AROUND (per several of the top GOP operators in and out of government) -- Stop setting artificial legislative deadlines. You spend a lot of time on media critiquing. Use some of that time to talk about the substance of the legislation you want to pass -- and sell it. Yes, your base loves the

media bashing, and it's fun television for some. But now you have to pass bills. That's what governing is. And your base for that task is Washington insiders, who need to feel pressure -- or fear. The president clearly likes rallies -- cool, who doesn't? Hold a series of themed rallies to make the public case for what you want to do. At least try to have the president stick to the script. Convince Republican leadership on the Hill to pass some small-ball legislation you can sign -- use Rahm Emanuel's "Six for 06" as a model.

THE POLITICO TICK TOCK -- HOW HEALTH CARE FELL APART -- BURGESS EVERETT, JEN HABERKORN and JOSH DAWSEY: "Inside the GOP's health care flop": "Senate Republicans had no inkling of what they were walking into on Tuesday afternoon as they filed into the Mike Mansfield room on the Capitol's second floor. Mitch McConnell's 51 colleagues, from his most junior members to his closest lieutenants, fully expected the Senate to vote this week on the Senate GOP's wounded Obamacare repeal bill. They knew the whip count was far worse than advertised, but were ready for McConnell to either admit defeat or make a furious round of deal-making to try to win their support.

"They took McConnell at his word that a vote would occur, regardless of the result. Then the Kentucky Republican shocked them all as he dispassionately informed them at the top of the meeting that the vote would be delayed, and that he would continue the painful exercise of trying to get 50 of the caucus's 52 votes for Obamacare repeal. Never mind that McConnell and his team had previously made clear that they did not believe letting the bill hang out over the July 4 recess would improve the result of the perilous negotiations. 'It's different from what he said ... yesterday afternoon as late as 5:30 p.m.,' said a Republican senator. ...

"Tinkering isn't going to work, from my perspective. There would have to be a major overhaul of the bill ... to win my support,' [Maine Sen. Susan] Collins said. ... 'The truth is, we're not even close. This is not, like, a couple of tweaks,' the aide said." <http://politi.co/2sfQ2S2>

-- **A NOTE:** Collins seems pretty dug in. As does Sen. Dean Heller (R-Nev.). The margin here is super slim.

GREAT DETAILS - per NYT's Glenn Thrush and Jonathan Martin: "When asked by reporters clustered on the blacktop outside the West Wing if Mr. Trump had command of the details of the negotiations, Mr. McConnell ignored the question and smiled blandly. ... A senator who supports the bill left the meeting at the White House with a sense that the president did not have a grasp of some basic elements of the Senate plan - and seemed especially confused when a moderate Republican complained that opponents of the bill would cast it as a massive tax break for the wealthy, according to an aide who received a detailed readout of the exchange. Mr. Trump said he planned to tackle tax reform later, ignoring the repeal's tax implications, the staff member added." <http://nyti.ms/2uhcaYY>

--**"How Governors From Both Parties Plotted to Derail the Senate Health Bill,"** by

NYT's Alex Burns: <http://nyti.ms/2tjZ2EZ>

-- **"How Schumer kept Dems united on Obamacare:** The Senate Democratic leader worked closely with senators and activist groups to keep pressure on the GOP -- and won at least a temporary victory as the repeal bill stalled," by Seung Min Kim and Elana Schor. <http://politi.co/2tjjhmj>

A CHEAT SHEET FOR MCCONNELL AND W.H. LEG AFFAIRS -- "5 changes McConnell can make to get repeal bill on track," by Adam Cancryn: <http://politi.co/2tj9Vrb>

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MITCH MCCONNELL, one of the steadiest and most reliable leaders and vote counters Washington has seen, did the unthinkable and rattled his ranks. The Kentucky Republican had told lawmakers there would be a vote this week on health care, but instead -- just as Speaker Paul Ryan was forced to do three months ago -- decided to delay voting on the package after it was clear that GOP opposition to the health care package was stronger than expected.

MCCONNELL has been impervious to the types of problems Ryan faces on a weekly -- and sometimes daily -- basis. His decision to delay voting on a bill is a sign he couldn't, or didn't want to expend the political capital to get it done before the July 4th break. It's unclear what he can do to change the calculus among the growing bloc of senators unwilling to vote for the bill.

THE BIG PROBLEM -- "Poll: Fewer than 4-in-10 voters back GOP health bill," by Steven Shepard: "Just 38 percent of voters approve of the Republican plan to repeal and replace Obamacare, according to a new POLITICO/Morning Consult poll conducted before Senate leaders pulled the latest version of their bill in an effort to win over more GOP votes. That's fewer than the 45 percent who disapprove of the Republican health care bill. Another 17 percent say they don't know or have no opinion of the bill." <http://politi.co/2tnGRPC>

DAN BALZ'S TAKE -- "'Repeal and replace' was once a unifier for the GOP. Now it's an albatross." <http://wapo.st/2uhu2ms>

REPUBLICANS V. TRUMP -- "Senate GOP seethes at Trump impulsiveness," by Alex Isenstadt and Josh Dawsey: "Top GOP officials and senators say White House chaos and impulsiveness are crippling efforts to expand the Republican Senate majority in 2018, unraveling long-laid plans and needlessly jeopardizing incumbents. There's a widespread sense of exasperation with the president, interviews with nearly two dozen senior Republicans reveal, and deep frustration with an administration they believe doesn't fully grasp what it will take to preserve the narrow majority or add to it.

"The most recent flash point involves Nevada Sen. Dean Heller, who was attacked by a White House-sanctioned outside group after announcing his opposition to the now stalled Obamacare repeal bill. Heller, the most endangered GOP incumbent up for

reelection in 2018, was initially targeted with a surprise \$1 million digital, TV, and radio assault - an act of political retaliation that stunned both senators and other top GOP officials." <http://politi.co/2tiLzhe>

... BUT -- "Pro-Trump group pulls ads criticizing Heller over Obamacare," by Alex Isenstadt: "A pro-Trump outside group will pull its ads assailing GOP Sen. Dean Heller over his opposition to the now stalled Obamacare repeal bill -- a move that follows massive backlash from senior Republicans who called on the organization to stop attacking the Nevadan. America First Policies had begun airing TV and radio ads on Tuesday savaging Heller for his planned 'No' vote, with spots charging that Heller had broken his 'promise' to voters that he would dismantle Obamacare -- a stunning attack on a member of the president's own party and the most vulnerable Republican up for re-election in 2018.

"But on Tuesday evening -- just a few hours after the TV and radio ads went up and after Senate Republicans tossed plans to vote on the legislation this week -- the group, which is staffed with several of the president's top campaign aides, decided to stop running the ads, two senior Republicans familiar with the decision told POLITICO." <http://politi.co/2sksU06c>

******* A message from the Coalition for Affordable Prescription Drugs (CAPD):** A new study found that pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) reduced spending in Medicare Part D by 58 percent in 2014, driving down costs for the government, taxpayers, and beneficiaries. The study forecasts that PBMs will save \$1,800 per Medicare beneficiary, per year over the next ten years. Learn more at affordableprescriptiondrugs.org *****

PHIL RUCKER, BOB COSTA and ASHLEY PARKER: "Who's afraid of Trump? Not enough Republicans -- at least for now": "This president is the first president in our history who has neither political nor military experience, and thus it has been a challenge to him to learn how to interact with Congress and learn how to push his agenda better,' said Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), who opposes the current health-care bill. ...

"Trump's lieutenants ... have struggled to force Republicans into line. In March, when House Republicans were slow to rally behind the health-care bill, White House chief strategist Stephen K. Bannon told Freedom Caucus members that they must stop waffling and vote for the legislation. Bannon was immediately rebuffed by Rep. Joe Barton (R-Tex.), who has been in the House for more than three decades. Barton icily told Bannon that the only person who ordered him around was 'my daddy' - and that his father was unsuccessful in doing so, according to several Republicans with knowledge of the meeting.

"In an interview Tuesday, Barton smiled wryly when asked about the incident. 'I will admit on the record that I took exception to a comment that he made,' Barton said. 'There is a separation of powers, and the president has a role and the Congress has a

role. That's all I'll say.'" <http://wapo.st/2tjBsll>

RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU WANT TO BE POOLER! -- "Macron Invites Trump to Paris for Bastille Day," by NYT's Aurelien Breeden in Paris: "They have had their differences, but when President Emmanuel Macron of France and President Trump spoke by telephone on Tuesday about the threat of a new chemical weapons attack by Syria, Mr. Macron seized the opportunity and invited Mr. Trump to Paris for Bastille Day.

"It was not immediately clear whether Mr. Trump would accept the invitation, which was also extended to his wife, Melania, according to a statement from the Élysée Palace. But the traditional military parade in Paris on this Bastille Day, July 14, will also commemorate the 100th anniversary of America's entry into World War I to fight alongside the French, British and other Allies." <http://nyti.ms/2s0ZKne>

FOR YOUR RADAR -- "New cyberattack wallops Europe; spreads more slowly in U.S.," by AP's Raphael Satter in Paris and Frank Bajak in Houston: "A new and highly virulent outbreak of data-scrambling software -- apparently sown in Ukraine -- caused disruption across the world Tuesday. Following a similar attack in May, the fresh cyber-assault paralyzed some hospitals, government offices and major multinational corporations in a dramatic demonstration of how easily malicious programs can bring daily life to a halt. Ukraine and Russia appeared hardest hit by the new strain of ransomware - malicious software that locks up computer files with all-but-unbreakable encryption and then demands a ransom for its release.

"In the United States, the malware affected companies such as the drugmaker Merck and Mondelez International, the owner of food brands such as Oreo and Nabisco. Its pace appeared to slow as the day wore on, in part because the malware appeared to require direct contact between computer networks, a factor that may have limited its spread in regions with fewer connections to Ukraine." <http://apne.ws/2skJgFO>

-- REUTERS' PHIL STEWART and IDREES ALI: "Exclusive: Trump administration eyes hardening line toward Pakistan": "President Donald Trump's administration is exploring hardening its approach toward Pakistan to crack down on Pakistan-based militants launching attacks in neighboring Afghanistan, two U.S. officials tell Reuters. Potential Trump administration responses being discussed include expanding U.S. drone strikes, redirecting or withholding some aid to Pakistan and perhaps eventually downgrading Pakistan's status as a major non-NATO ally, the two officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity." <http://reut.rs/2sgl2Sd>

WHAT PAUL MANAFORT WAS UP TO -- "Manafort registers as foreign agent," by Theo Meyer: "The firm headed by Paul Manafort, President Donald Trump's former campaign chairman, made more than \$17 million working as a foreign agent of a pro-Russian Ukrainian political party, according to newly filed disclosure reports. Trump forced Manafort to step down from his campaign last year after The Associated Press reported that Manafort and another Trump campaign official, Rick Gates, had secretly helped the Ukrainian Party of Regions steer money to two Washington lobbying firms

through a nonprofit." <http://politi.co/2sPokug>

TRUMP INC. -- "Trump attorney Jay Sekulow's family has been paid millions from charities they control," by WaPo's Aaron Davis and Shawn Boburg: "President Trump's personal attorney Jay Sekulow was on his weekday radio show this month, defending the president vociferously, when he took a pause to highlight a charity that has brought Sekulow and his family millions of dollars. 'Let me take off the hat of the president's lawyer and put on the ACLJ hat,' he said, using the acronym for the American Center for Law and Justice. His June 16 program then cut to a plea for donations from audience members listening on 850 stations nationwide. 'Now, more than ever,' a narrator said, 'you need the ACLJ on your side.' ...

"[The ACLJ brought in] \$230 million in charitable donations from 2011 to 2015 -- and millions of those dollars ended up going to the members of the Sekulow family or their companies, a Washington Post analysis of IRS tax filings and business records in five states and the District found.

"Through a complex arrangement involving ACLJ and another charity, \$5.5 million was paid directly to Sekulow and five family members in salary or other compensation, tax records covering those years show. Another \$7.5 million went to businesses owned by Sekulow and his sister-in-law for producing and consulting on TV, movie and radio shows, including his weekday program, 'Jay Sekulow Live!' And \$21 million went to a small law firm co-owned by Sekulow, records show." <http://wapo.st/2sPXqIV>

WHAT NANCY PELOSI IS READING -- "Poll: Dems not ready to dump Pelosi," by Steven Shepard: "Washington Democrats are pointing fingers after last week's special election defeat in Georgia, but the party's voters aren't ready to jettison House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, according to a new POLITICO/Morning Consult poll.

"While Pelosi (D-Calif.) remains among the most unpopular figures in American politics, few Democratic voters in the survey blame her for Democrat Jon Ossoff's defeat last week or for Democratic losses in 2010, 2014 and 2016. Overall, 43 percent of voters think Pelosi should be replaced as Democratic leader, compared with only 26 percent who think she should remain in the post. Three in 10 voters say they don't know or don't have an opinion.

"But among Democratic voters, just over a quarter, 27 percent , want Pelosi booted as the party's leader in the chamber. That's fewer than the 41 percent who want Pelosi to stay, and the 31 percent who don't have an opinion." <http://politi.co/2tnUXAN>

HOT IN GOP LEADERSHIP -- "L.A.'s newest congressman still hasn't taken his oath. Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy wants to know why," by Sarah D. Wire in the L.A. Times: "House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) wants to know why Rep.-elect Jimmy Gomez hasn't been sworn in, saying the seat's 'elongated vacancy' is 'an abdication' of his responsibilities.

"Twenty one days have passed since Gomez won a special election to replace now-California Atty. Gen. Xavier Becerra, who resigned Los Angeles' 34th Congressional District last January. Gomez, a current Democratic state assemblyman, told The Times after the election he would try to delay his Assembly resignation to vote on extending the state's cap-and-trade program, which requires companies to buy permits to release greenhouse gas. Negotiations on cap and trade are escalating in Sacramento, and there are rumblings Gov. Jerry Brown would like to be able to count on Gomez' vote to pass the bill with a two-thirds majority before the Legislature leaves on July 21."

<http://lat.ms/2sgD06K>

VIDEO DU JOUR -- @CaitrionaPerry: "Video of the bizarre moment when President @realDonaldTrump called me over during his call with Taoiseach @campaignforLeoVaradkar. @rtenews" - **25-second video** <http://bit.ly/2tXdP6A>

TRUMP'S WEDNESDAY -- TRUMP "will lead a tribal, State, and local energy roundtable," and then will host the Chicago Cubs at the White House. Trump will meet with "immigration crime victims to urge passage of House legislation to save American lives." In the evening, he'll attend the RNC dinner at the Trump International Hotel.

THE JUICE ...

-- **FIRST IN PLAYBOOK: WENDY SHERMAN**, the under secretary of State for political affairs in the Obama administration, is joining NBC News and MSNBC as a "global affairs contributor." "[S]he will speak about diplomacy and international relations, as well as share her expertise on North Korea."

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TRUMP INC. -- "Making Ivanka Trump shoes: Long hours, low pay and abuse," by AP's Erika Kinetz in Ganzhou, China: "A worker with blood dripping from his head marked a low point in the tense, grinding life at a southeastern China factory used by Ivanka Trump and other fashion brands. An angry manager had hit him with the sharp end of a high-heeled shoe. Workers from the factory, including one current and two former employees who spoke to The Associated Press, reported overtime that stretched past midnight, steep production quotas and crude verbal abuse at Ganzhou Huajian International Shoe City Co. They said beatings were not unheard of, but the shoe attack, which all three say they witnessed last year, was violent enough to stand out."

<http://apne.ws/2tWLkG2>

L.A. TIMES -- "Border wall prototypes could start going up in San Diego this summer, U.S. official says," by Joseph Tanfani: "The Trump administration is at least two months away from starting construction of prototypes for a wall along the Southwest border, underscoring the difficulties the White House faces making good on one of the

president's key campaign promises.

"Customs and Border Protection still has not signed any contracts to build prototypes of new barriers, a first step in plans to design and erect a wall along the 2,000-mile Mexico border, Ronald Vitiello, acting deputy commissioner at the agency, told reporters Tuesday. He said construction of four to eight prototypes could begin by late summer. All will be built near the San Diego-area border fence. 'We're evaluating proposals now,' he said. 'We think it's summer. It's kind of hard to nail down.'"

<http://lat.ms/2sQnm0w>

2018 WATCH -- "Midterms loom over Mueller's Russia probe: Comey's handling of Clinton email investigation poses challenge for special counsel working amid 2018 campaign," by Darren Samuelsohn: "Special counsel Robert Mueller has only just begun investigating whether President Donald Trump's campaign colluded with Russia in last year's election and whether Trump himself obstructed justice, but there are already fears that he'll face pressure to reveal his conclusions before the 2018 midterms. While it's unclear how long it will take Mueller to wrap up his investigation, veterans of past White House scandals say that with the midterms already being framed as a referendum on Trump's presidency, both Republicans and Democrats can be expected to push Mueller to go public with whatever he has before voters go to the polls." <http://politi.co/2sfSAQd>

DEPT. OF BIG STATEMENTS -- "Fed's Yellen expects no new financial crisis in 'our lifetimes,'" by Reuters: "U.S. Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said on Tuesday that she does not believe that there will be another financial crisis for at least as long as she lives, thanks largely to reforms of the banking system since the 2007-09 crash. 'Would I say there will never, ever be another financial crisis?' Yellen said at a question-and-answer event in London. 'You know probably that would be going too far but I do think we're much safer and I hope that it will not be in our lifetimes and I don't believe it will be,' she said." <http://reut.rs/2sg2Fwv>

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AMBASSADOR WATCH -- "Delays stack up for Trump in filling ambassador posts," by Nancy Cook and Nahal Toosi: "President Donald Trump said before he took office that he planned to choose New York Jets owner Woody Johnson, a campaign supporter and old friend, as his ambassador to Britain. But it took until this week for the White House to formally submit Johnson's nomination to the Senate. So far, Trump has nominated 20 ambassadors, with six confirmed, including the ambassador to the United Nations, according to the American Foreign Service Association. By this point in their first terms, President Barack Obama had nominated 40 ambassadors with three

confirmed excluding the UN ambassador, while President George W. Bush had nominated 27, with three confirmed, according to statistics compiled by the non-partisan Partnership for Public Service.

"The Trump administration is taking 77 days on average to confirm ambassadors to countries, while Obama nominees 26 days and Bush's 11, according to the Partnership for Public Service. The slow pace of selecting key American representatives abroad is hurting the U.S. diplomatically, as foreign leaders try to suss out the administration's worldview and their place within it, according to interviews with more than a dozen foreign policy experts, current and former ambassadors, and sources familiar with the hiring process." <http://politi.co/2tVuwPX>

MEDIAWATCH -- "Sinclair VP donated to Gianforte after 'body-slam' incident," by Hadas Gold: "The vice president and director of Sinclair Broadcasting Group, which has often been criticized for its conservative slant, donated to Rep. Greg Gianforte's campaign the day after the Montana Republican was charged with assaulting a reporter. The donation of \$1,000 by Frederick G. Smith, a member of the family that owns the company, came on May 25, the day Gianforte was elected ... Smith also gave \$1,000 to Gianforte's campaign in March. On May 24, Gianforte assaulted Guardian reporter Ben Jacobs as Jacobs attempted to ask Gianforte a question about the healthcare bill, breaking Jacobs' glasses and sending him to the hospital for X-rays." <http://politi.co/2tnL5GW>

DAVID FAHRENTHOLD STRIKES AGAIN -- "A Time magazine with Trump on the cover hangs in his golf clubs. It's fake": "The framed copy of Time magazine was hung up in at least five of President Trump's clubs, from South Florida to Scotland. Filling the entire cover was a photo of Donald Trump. 'Donald Trump: The "Apprentice" is a television smash!' the big headline said. Above the Time nameplate, there was another headline in all caps: 'TRUMP IS HITTING ON ALL FRONTS ... EVEN TV!' This cover [is] dated March 1, 2009. ... The Time cover is a fake. There was no March 1, 2009, issue of Time magazine. And there was no issue at all in 2009 that had Trump on the cover." <http://wapo.st/2sl9N5X>

-- "The Washington Post's New Social Media Policy Forbids Disparaging Advertisers ," by Washingtonian's Andrew Beaujon: "A new social-media policy at the Washington Post prohibits conduct on social media that 'adversely affects The Post's customers, advertisers, subscribers, vendors, suppliers or partners.' In such cases, Post management reserves the right to take disciplinary action 'up to and including termination of employment.' The Post's Guild sent out a bulletin Sunday night protesting the policy. ... [T]he policy ... went into effect on May 1 and applies to the entire company." <http://bit.ly/2tjtzCW>

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SPOTTED: Eliot Spitzer last night at Off the Record at the Hay Adams ... former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean in a private room at Carmine's with LaToia Jones and several others ... Ivanka and Jared at Kinship yesterday ... Gary Cohn having dinner last night with friends at Le Diplomate ... Scott Pruitt was also spotted there at another table ... Steve Wynn smoking a cigar yesterday upon arriving Trump International Hotel DC - he's in town for tonight's RNC fundraiser with President Trump and First Lady Melania on Wednesday at the hotel (the fundraiser costs \$35K per person and \$100K to host) ... Oil baron Harold Hamm dining last night at Trump Hotel's BLT Prime ...

... **Sen. Thad Cochran (R-Miss.)** dining with a group on the Trattoria Alberto patio Tuesday night. Sen. Tammy Baldwin (R-Wis.) was also spotted leaving the restaurant separately. Rep. Blake Farenthold (R-Texas) popped in for dinner later. ... Rep. Marcia Fudge (D-Ohio) chatting on her cell phone on 8th Street near Banana Cafe around 8 p.m. ... Jonathan Capehart and Nick Schmit dining with Chris Jansing last night at Kinship

-- **@MattLaslo:** "Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger is at tonight's Cubs/Nationals game and has had his back to the field the entire time at a table in outfield" <http://bit.ly/2tntWNx>

OUT AND ABOUT IN ASPEN - The Paul E. Singer Foundation held a dinner last night focused on driverless cars at Laura and Gary Lauder's home in Aspen (***pic of the house:*** <http://bit.ly/2uhEIXJ>). In a panel discussion before the meal, Amnon Shashua, co-founder and CTO of Israeli technology company Mobileye (which Intel bought for \$15 billion), talked about the future of driverless cars and predicted that in 2021, you would see them available for purchase. Moderator David Leonhardt reminded the crowd that there are around 1000 deaths every nine days due to car accidents. Shashua said companies have to ensure that the technology advances far enough that there are under 100 deaths each year from self-driving cars. He said the public would not allow "1,000 people to die" every year because of the new technology. He also said that four months ago, Uber was a big player in self-driving cars but now "it's uncertain" because of Travis Kalanick's departure. "It's like firing Steve Jobs from Apple," he said. Another word of wisdom from him: "Companies that don't master AI in won't be around in 10 to 15 years."

SPOTTED: Haim Saban chatting with Andrea Mitchell and Richard Haass, Cheryl Saban, Karen Davidson, Paul Singer, Terry Kassel, Amnon Shashua, Dan Senor, Campbell Brown, Walter Isaacson, New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu, Katie Couric and John Molner, Ory Rinat, Bonnie Lautenberg and Steve Leber, Mitch Julis, Amb. John Loeb, Blain Rethmeier, former U.S. Amb. to Canada Bruce Heyman, Eugene Kandel, Derek Thompson, Dafna Linzer, Susan Mercandetti, Bob and Susan Oberndorf, Max Neuberger, Eliot Gerson, David Zalaznick, Henry Elkus.

-- **SPOTTED** at a Facebook reception last night at the Marble Garden Tent on the Aspen Institute grounds: Campbell Brown, Samidh Chakrabarti, Walter Isaacson, Kitty Boone, Richard Haass, Jon Lovett, Manoush Zomorodi, Kevin Delaney, Anil Dash, Anne Kornblut, Dafna Linzer, Steve Clemons, Carl Zimmer, Simon Sinek, Garrett Graff,

Lee Rainie, Charles "Lil Buck" Riley, Blain Rethmeier, Erika Masonhall, Erin Miller, Max Neuberger, Jonathan Taplin, Doug Farrar, Graham Veysey.

--**SPOTTED** at the nearby Southern Company reception last night: Fareed Zakaria chatting with Steve Clemons, Ory Rinat chatting with Kyle Dropp and Amy Walter, Southern Company CEO Tom Fanning, Blain Rethmeier chatting with Gloria Dittus and Emily Lenzner, Eric Kuhn.

ENGAGED - Hayley Andrews, director of government affairs at the Charles Group and travel blogger at Navigate Abroad (<http://bit.ly/2tjP2ff>), got engaged yesterday to **Eugene Gelfgat**, a lieutenant in the Army. He proposed inside the Grand Canyon after they flew in on a helicopter. They met as GW students on a Birthright Israel trip to Israel in 2010. **Pics** <http://bit.ly/2tjDwjZ> ... <http://bit.ly/2t00FFY> ... **The ring** <http://bit.ly/2s0HfiS>

TRANSITIONS -- PR firm Strategic Elements has hired **Diane Miller** as senior adviser. Last year Miller founded the virtual think-tank Women's Influence Institute ... Red Alert Politics has hired **Lauren Cooley** as contributors' editor.

BIRTHDAY OF THE DAY: Jane Harman, director, president and CEO of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. How she got her start in politics: "Attended the 1960 convention as a high school kid and was totally inspired by John Kennedy." Read her Playbook Plus Q&A: <http://politi.co/2sQ9fZ9>

BIRTHDAYS: Marc Kasowitz is 65 ... Ashley Hickey Marquis, chief of staff to NEC director Gary Cohn, who celebrated with a weekend BBQ and tonight at Mirabelle with her husband Garrett (hubby tip: Garrett) ... NYT's David Kirkpatrick is 47 ... former Defense Secretary Leon Panetta is 79 ... former Sen. Carl Levin (D-Mich.) is 83 ... Laura D'Andrea Tyson, professor at Berkeley's Haas business school ... Ziad "Z" Ojakli, Ford Group VP of gov't and community relations (h/t Christin Baker) ... Bill Greener, founding partner of Greener & Hook LLC ... AP's Jesse Holland ... Climatewire's Scott Waldman ... former Rep. Donna Edwards (D-Md.) is 59 ... former Rep. Michael Fitzpatrick (R-Penn.) is 54 ... former Rep. Jim Kolbe (D-Ariz.) is 74 ... journalist and author Kurt Eichenwald is 56 ... Stephanie Benedict, who has been crisscrossing the country for the Clinton campaign ... IJR's Erin McPike (h/t Alex Skatell) ... Nancy Payne, VP of PeaceTech Lab, former OPIC and FleishmanHillard International (h/t Ben Chang and Jon Haber) ... Carolyn Coda of Swiss Re (hubby tip: Rich Ward) ... Steve Johnson, EVP of American Airlines and an avid Playbooker (h/ts Hilary Rosen and Shannon Gilson) ...

... **Stephanie Benedict**, alum of Waxman, HFA, and Albright Stonebridge, celebrating with family in San Luis Obispo, CA (h/t mom Paula Benedict) ... Lara Kline (h/t Jon Haber) ... Brian L. Roberts, chairman and CEO of Comcast is 58 (h/t Jewish Insider) ... Mike Lurie, senior creative advisor at Freedom Partners, is 3-0 (h/t his loving girlfriend Rebecca Coffman) ... B. Scott Tilley, general counsel at Stihl Inc. and former Capitol Hill intern (h/t Bruce Potter) ... John Lee is 24 ... Peter Nonis of the Business Council for International Understanding ... Rob Tappan, president of the Tappan Group ... Cuddy Johnson is 41 ... Pelosi policy adviser Kenneth DeGraff ... Jason Roe is 47 ... Brian

Jodice ... Paul Bonicelli ... Yaffa Fredrick, CNN Opinion producer ... Megan Bloomgren, VP of comms at API and former acting comms director at Interior earlier this year ... Daisy Capps ... Matt Mele ... Al Eisele ... Aaron Banks ... Bob Russell ... Quinn McCord ... Kevin Kaiser ... Jing Ulrich, managing director and vice chairman, Asia Pacific at JPMorgan Chase ... Sean Bartel ... AP Florida reporter Brendan Farrington ... Cecilie Olausen ... Nick Anton ... Dusky Terry ... Brenda Vilmain ... Meagan Mahaffey ... Chuck Shuford ... Dave Olsen ... Eli Reyes ... Christina Martin ... John Elway is 57 ... Eric Zwiener ... GPG's Jas Sajjan ... comedian-movie director Mel Brooks is 91 ... Kathy Bates is 69 ... John Cusack is 51 (h/ts AP)

***** **A message from the Coalition for Affordable Prescription Drugs (CAPD):** A new study estimates that Medicare Part D costs would be 58 percent higher without pharmacy benefit managers' (PBMs') clinical tools and price negotiations with drug manufacturers and pharmacies. The study shows PBMs significantly lower premiums and out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries. In fact, PBMs are projected to save Medicare Part D \$896 billion over the next decade. Thanks to PBMs, Medicare Part D continues to drive savings and value for taxpayers and beneficiaries, ensuring that more than 39 million American seniors can access the prescription drugs they need. Learn more at affordableprescriptiondrugs.org *****

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Subject: Morning Energy: Pruitt still won't clarify Trump's climate views — More governors double down on climate action — Major week for energy nominations

By Anthony Adragna | 06/05/2017 05:42 AM EDT

PRUITT MAKES THE CIRCUIT: Climate change dominated the Sunday show circuit for the first time in years, but EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt again dodged nearly a dozen questions asking whether President Donald Trump still rejects the science showing that human activity is driving the problem and continues to consider it a "hoax." He instead stuck to familiar talking points that the administration's decision to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement was because it was a "bad deal" for the U.S. that will harm economic growth. "Frankly, George, I think the whole question is an effort to get it off the point and the issue of whether Paris is good for this country or not," Pruitt said on ABC's "This Week." "And the president has indicated the climate changes."

But he didn't get a free ride: "Fox News Sunday's" Chris Wallace peppered Pruitt with aggressive questioning about the decision, asking incredulously how the underlying science of climate change never came up during months of discussions about Paris. After displaying statistics showing there are more than twice as many solar energy employees as those in coal, Wallace asked if the administration's efforts to try to bring back coal are akin to "protecting the horse and buggy business just as cars come online?" Pruitt shot back: "Absolutely not."

ICYMI: Pro's Alex Guillén examines Pruitt's move into the spotlight and inner orbit of Trump world as he helped convince the president to withdraw from the climate deal.

Another Trump administration official, U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley, asserted to CNN's "State of the Union" that Trump's views are part of the mainstream consensus. "President Trump believes the climate is changing and he believes pollutants are part of the equation," she said. Haley also downplayed concerns leaving the Paris deal would hurt U.S. diplomatic efforts globally. "I don't think we're the skunk at the party," she said. "Just because we got out of a club doesn't mean that we don't care about the environment."

ME's caution: If you want to know how Trump views climate science, best to hear it directly from his mouth.

Gore SLAMS 'RECKLESS' WITHDRAWAL: Pruitt wasn't the only one talking climate on the Sunday shows: former Vice President Al Gore appeared to bash Trump's decision while also expressing hope the U.S. would still hit the Obama administration emissions reduction pledges thanks to the efforts of states, mayors and businesses. "I think it was indefensible and undermines America's standing in the world and threatens the ability of humanity to solve the climate crisis in time," Gore said on CNN.

Zing! Former Secretary of State John Kerry on NBC's "Meet the Press": "When Donald Trump says to the world, 'Well, we're going to negotiate a better deal,' I mean, you know, he's

going to go out and find a better deal? I mean, that's like O.J. Simpson saying he's going to go out and find the real killer. Everybody knows he isn't going to do that."

WELCOME TO MONDAY! I'm your host Anthony Adragna, and the Southern Environmental Law Center's Navis Bermudez correctly picked New Hampshire as the only state in the country without a mandatory seatbelt law. Next up: What's the only state where you can't buy beer, wine and liquor from almost all stores on Sunday? Send your tips, energy gossip and comments to aadragna@politico.com, or follow us on Twitter [@AnthonyAdragna](https://twitter.com/AnthonyAdragna), [@Morning_Energy](https://twitter.com/Morning_Energy), and [@POLITICOPro](https://twitter.com/POLITICOPro).

OTHERS DOUBLE DOWN — GOP governors join climate alliance: Two Republican Northeastern governors — Massachusetts' [Charlie Baker](#) and Vermont's [Phil Scott](#) — announced Friday they would join the expanding coalition of U.S. states seeking to uphold the goals of the Paris deal. Along with founding states California, Washington and New York, other participants in the U.S. Climate Alliance now include [Connecticut](#), [Hawaii](#), [Oregon](#) and [Rhode Island](#).

No retreat by Modi: Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi showed no signs of stepping back from his country's efforts to address climate change — pointedly calling it the biggest threat facing humanity, along with terrorism — during his first bilateral meeting with French President Emmanuel Macron, POLITICO Europe's Silvia Sciorilli Borrelli [reports](#). "I believe the Paris agreement is a collective asset of the world, this is will also be an asset to the coming generations," Modi said, according to a [report](#) by New Delhi TV. "It is our responsibility to protect mother earth." India, the world's third largest emitter, vowed to stick with the accord despite Trump's withdrawal.

Australia's Foreign Minister Julie Bishop reiterated her country's commitment to the Paris Agreement during a Sunday speech. "The EU and Australia will need to take a leadership role" on the climate agreement, Bishop [said](#), according to POLITICO Europe's Zoya Sheftalovich.

PARIS RALLY DRIPS WITH IRONY: About 50 supporters gathered in Lafayette Square (named for the French general who supported the colonies in the American Revolution) for a "Pittsburgh Not Paris" rally to thank Trump for withdrawing from the accord signed in the French capital. As The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette [reports](#), that D.C. rally was dwarfed by one in downtown Steel City that drew 2,000 people in support of the accord after Mayor Bill Peduto [announced](#) Friday the city would move toward being powered entirely by clean energy by 2035. Back in D.C., Trump missed his supporters rallying behind his decision as he'd left for his golf course in Virginia before they convened.

HUGE WEEK FOR ENERGY NOMINEES: Lawmakers on the the Senate Energy and Natural Resources committee will [vote on](#) the nominations of Neil Chatterjee and Robert Powelson to be FERC commissioners, David Bernhardt to be deputy secretary at Interior, and Dan Brouillette to be No. 2 at DOE Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. Ahead of the votes, the nominees released more than 200 pages of responses to questions from senators (available [here](#)). Bernhardt committed to recuse himself from matters involving former lobbying clients for two years but stopped short of committing to additional transparency measures Democrats requested, Pro's Annie Snider and Esther Whieldon [report](#).

The following day, Environment and Public Works Committee members kick off the process for three Nuclear Regulatory Commission nominees, as well as Susan Bodine's selection to run EPA's enforcement office at 10 a.m.

PERRY AT FUKUSHIMA: Six years after the nuclear emergency, Energy Secretary Rick Perry toured the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power plant in Japan on Sunday. "A truly eye-opening experience," he tweeted with a pic. "The U.S. is committed to our partnership with Japan on this cleanup and our shared vision for a clean environment and brighter future," he added.

WORTH REUPPING: Federal agencies have been instructed by the White House not to cooperate with oversight requests from congressional Democrats, POLITICO's Burgess Everett and Josh Dawsey report. Republicans say the move is designed to stop congressional minorities from getting access to information that might be harmful to the president. "I don't think you'd have the Democrats responding to every minority member request if they were in the same position," one White House official said.

In response, top Senate EPW Democrat Tom Carper said: "This administration believes that it is somehow exempt from the basic requirements of transparency that come with representative government ... I will continue to press for this administration to show their work and report fully and accurately on what actions they are taking on our behalf."

GETTING CHILLY IN HERE: Trump's relationship with corporate America has soured as dozens of executives publicly rebuked the White House over the decision to quit Paris, POLITICO's Ben White and Annie Karni report. They're also dismayed that the administration's big Capitol Hill agenda, which includes passing massive tax cuts, appears stalled and they are terrified by the very public White House fight over how and when to raise the debt limit. The administration brushed off those reports. "We knew there would be blowback from Paris but so far it hasn't been that bad," said one senior official who declined to be identified by name.

SECRETARIES STRESS WILDFIRE COOPERATION: Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue signed a memorandum Friday in Idaho emphasizing the importance of interagency cooperation ahead of what they said is anticipated to be a "challenging" wildfire season. Zinke also spent time with the smokejumpers, who parachute into remote areas to fight fires, and he participated in meetings on forest management at the state Capitol with Perdue, Gov. Butch Otter and Sen. Jim Risch.

REGS UNDER THE MICROSCOPE: Trump's OMB has dramatically ramped up the number of EPA regulations its reviewing and has begun taking lots more meetings to gather input from interested parties, Pro's Alex Guillén reports in Energy Regulation Watch. Early proposals now under review include the 2018 Renewable Fuel Standard proposal, as well as a proposed repeal of the Obama-era Waters of the U.S. rule.

Meet your (rule) maker: OMB has meetings scheduled this week the American Chemistry Council, the Environmental Working Group, and the Environmental Defense Fund on EPA's rule

that will detail how the agency prioritizes chemical risk evaluations, part of the revised Toxic Substances Control Act. That follows four meetings Friday on the 2018 RFS rule.

MOVER, SHAKER: John Giordano, who served as deputy general counsel on Donald Trump's transition team as well as on the Energy Department landing team, has joined Archer & Greiner as a partner in the Philadelphia office. He is not planning to register to lobby, according to a spokeswoman for the firm (h/t POLITICO Influence).

CONGRATS: Albert McGartland, director of EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics, is the first-ever federal government economist to be named a fellow of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists. The honor recognizes contributions to advancing environmental and resource economics.

QUICK HITS

- Energy's Perry having blast running agency he vowed to kill. [AP](#).
- Merkel's Chief of Staff Says EU to Join China, India on Climate. [Bloomberg](#).
- South Korea plans energy U-turn away from coal, nuclear. [Reuters](#).
- Woman seeks release before pipeline protest shooting trial. [AP](#).
- Trouble brews for OPEC as expensive deep-sea oil turns cheap. [Bloomberg](#).
- How G.O.P. Leaders Came to View Climate Change as Fake Science. [New York Times](#).
- Once-secret records reveal pattern of costly mistakes at troubled nuclear project. [The State](#).

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MONDAY

2:00 p.m. — [Briefing](#) on the national security implications of climate change, The Environmental and Energy Study Institute, the Henry M. Jackson Foundation and the Center for Climate and Security, 334 Cannon

2:00 p.m. — "[The Future of Mobility: A Fireside Chat with Bill Ford](#)," The Atlantic Council, 1030 15th Street NW, 12th Floor

TUESDAY

9:30 a.m. — [Hearing](#) to examine various nominations, Senate Energy and Natural Resources, 366 Dirksen

12:00 p.m. — "[Achieving a High-Performance Built Environment: Findings and](#)

Recommendations from the Consultative Council," High Performing Building Coalition, 122 Cannon

WEDNESDAY

8:45 a.m. — "Energy Security in Central & Eastern Europe: New Challenges and Opportunities," Atlantic Council, 1030 15th Street NW

9:30 a.m. — "Review of the FY2018 Budget Request for the U.S. Forest Service," Senate Appropriations Interior, EPA and Related Agencies Subcommittee, Dirksen 124

10:00 a.m. — Hearing to examine three NRC and one EPA nomination, Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, 406 Dirksen

10:00 a.m. — "Energy Opportunities in North America," House Foreign Affairs Committee's Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, 2172 Rayburn

10:00 a.m. — "Oversight on the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Abandoned Mine Lands Program," House Natural Resources Committee's Energy and Mineral Resources Subcommittee, 1324 Longworth

10:30 a.m. — "National Science Foundation Budget Hearing," House Appropriations Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee, 2359 Rayburn

2:00 p.m. — House Natural Resources Committee, Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs Subcommittee hearing on various legislation, 1324 Longworth

2:30 p.m. — "Moving into a Second Century of Service: Working to Improve the National Park Service Workplace Environment," Senate Energy Committee's National Parks Subcommittee, 366 Dirksen

2:30 p.m. — "Review of the FY2018 Budget Request for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission," Senate Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee, Dirksen 138

THURSDAY

9:30 a.m. — House Appropriations Committee's Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Subcommittee holds a hearing on the Interior Department budget, 2007 Rayburn

10:00 a.m. — "Hearing to study cost reductions in emerging energy technologies with a specific focus on how recent trends may affect today's energy landscape," Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, 366 Dirksen

2:00 p.m. — "Oversight Hearing on Burdensome Litigation and Federal Bureaucratic Roadblocks to Manage our Nation's Overgrown, Fire-Prone National Forests," House Natural Resources Federal Lands Subcommittee, 1324 Longworth

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Pruitt dodges another question on Trump climate change beliefs [Back](#)

By Madeline Conway | 06/04/2017 11:26 AM EDT

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt again dodged on Sunday when asked whether President Donald Trump believes that climate change is man-made and accused people asking about his position on the issue of trying to create a distraction from the debate around the Paris climate agreement.

Although Pruitt said in an interview with George Stephanopoulos on ABC's "This Week" that Trump has indicated that "the climate changes," he repeatedly avoided answering whether the president believes the scientific consensus that global temperatures are warming due to human activity, namely carbon emissions.

"Frankly, George, I think the whole question is an effort to get it off the point and the issue of whether Paris is good for this country or not," Pruitt said. "And the president has indicated the climate changes."

Trump announced on Thursday that the U.S. intends to exit the Paris accord, a pact reached by more than 190 countries to set targets to reduce carbon emissions to combat climate change.

Trump has previously called climate change a "hoax" manufactured by the Chinese, and after Thursday's announcement, his aides avoided questions about whether he still believes that conspiracy theory.

In an interview with CBS' "Face the Nation" this weekend, U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Nikki Haley seemed to suggest that Trump does not buy into that theory.

She said Trump believes that the "climate is changing" and that he believes "pollutants" are part of it, though she did not specify whether he believes global warming is primarily caused by human activity.

"The president believes the climate is changing," Haley said. "And he does know that pollutants are a part of that equation."

The former South Carolina governor added: "We've got a president who is going to watch out for the environment. It's what we do, it's who we are."

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EPA's Pruitt basks in Trump glow after Paris pullout [Back](#)

By Alex Guillén | 06/02/2017 07:15 PM EDT

Scott Pruitt's victory in vanquishing the Paris climate agreement has given him a status few of his predecessors enjoyed — an EPA chief who is clearly his administration's public face in driving environmental policy.

Pruitt's move into the spotlight comes after weeks of White House infighting over whether to reject the global climate pact, and shows that the former Oklahoma attorney general's got the president's ear on energy and environmental issues despite being a newcomer to Trump's orbit.

Typically, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency toils away crafting air and water regulations, and defending the administration's policies in Congress, while more prominent officials lead the charge on the grand policy vision. Those more high-profile roles went to people like John Kerry, who served as a kind of global climate ambassador when he was Barack Obama's secretary of state, or former Vice Presidents Dick Cheney and Al Gore.

But when President Donald Trump announced the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris agreement Thursday, Pruitt was the one joining him at the podium in the Rose Garden — while Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who'd wanted to stick with the deal, was nowhere to be seen. Pruitt repeated his victory lap at Friday's White House news briefing, beaming as he jostled with reporters over whether he and Trump accept the reality of climate change.

Pruitt's prominence is a byproduct of how Trump views the Paris deal, former Obama climate negotiator Jonathan Pershing said Friday — through the lens of the U.S. economy, not as a worldwide fight against a common threat.

"It was a domestic agenda and not an international agenda that was dictating the policy" this week, Pershing said. "That's consistent with the way [Trump] characterized it as protecting American jobs. It was not characterized in the terms of American security being at risk because of climate change."

At Friday's news briefing, Pruitt praised Trump once again for the Paris decision, saying he had the courage to withdraw from a pact that would have benefited other countries at the expense of the U.S. economy.

"We owe no apologies to other nations for our environmental stewardship," said Pruitt, who had celebrated his win Thursday night with a dinner with staffers at the French-themed D.C. bistro Le Diplomate.

Tillerson, meanwhile, declined to endorse Trump's move at a separate news appearance Friday, calling it "a policy decision."

Despite months of behind-the-scenes debate over Paris that pitted Pruitt and Trump adviser Steve Bannon against Tillerson, Ivanka Trump and top economic adviser Gary Cohn, Pruitt sought to downplay his own influence over the president, saying he won on the merits.

In an appearance on Fox News on Thursday evening, Pruitt dismissed the idea there had been an epic struggle as "simply legend."

"What happened in this process is what happens with every decision the president makes," Pruitt said. "He had advisers around him informing, equipping, helping him make a decision. The debate was good and strong and meaningful amongst all voices and the president made an informed decision."

But Pruitt has emerged as a power player inside the administration who appears to have the confidence of the president.

"It's all eyes on Pruitt because there's a lot of big issues regarding how the Trump administration addresses climate change," said Nick Loris, an economist at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

Pruitt's prominence is at least partly due to the fact that climate change isn't a top issue in the administration.

"There's just fewer cooks in the kitchen because addressing climate change is clearly not a priority for Trump," Loris said. And given how he fought against the Obama climate agenda while serving as Oklahoma's attorney general, "I'm not surprised he's spreading his wings to the international stage," he added.

Pruitt has already proved himself a successful operator in carrying out Trump's deregulation agenda.

He has had significant early success in pausing several key Obama-era regulations that were still in court, including a sweeping carbon regulation for power plants, ozone pollution limits, and the Waters of the U.S. rule that defines which wetlands, streams and rivers fall under federal rules. The repeal process for those rules could take years, but Pruitt is well positioned to succeed in the task.

And in the meantime, Pruitt has canceled an EPA information request that would have set the stage for methane pollution limits for oil and gas wells, re-opened emissions standards for future vehicles and taken steps to modify other Obama-era regulations.

With his Paris win, Pruitt is positioning himself as the administration's leading voice on the international issues surrounding climate change.

On Fox News, Pruitt downplayed the potential diplomatic harm of the Paris decision, noting that the U.S. pulled out of the Kyoto Protocol in 2001 but weathered criticisms over that as well.

"If you go back and read, in March and April of 2001, the criticisms that was being led against President Bush, you can read the comments from the German chancellor, they're almost identical to the ones today."

However, Bush administration officials at the time found themselves surprised by other nations' strong reactions.

Then-Secretary of State Colin Powell said in 2002 that the "blowback" from Europe "was a sobering experience that everything the American president does has international repercussions." And Condoleezza Rice, at the time George W. Bush's national security adviser, wrote in a 2011 memoir that the Kyoto withdrawal was "a self-inflicted wound that could have been avoided."

Pruitt may soon find out just how angry his international counterparts are.

He will head to Italy on June 11 and 12 for an environmental ministerial meeting connected to the G-7 summit Trump recently attended. Italy, along with Germany and France, said in a statement Thursday that there is no renegotiating the Paris agreement, despite what Trump promised Thursday.

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FERC, DOE, Interior nominees respond to Senate committee questions [Back](#)

By Darius Dixon and Annie Snider | 06/02/2017 03:18 PM EDT

President Donald Trump's nominees for FERC and the departments of Energy and Interior have provided the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee with more than 200 pages in response to lawmaker questions, according to records obtained by POLITICO.

Responses submitted by Neil Chatterjee, a nominee for FERC commissioner, can be found [here](#).

Responses submitted by Robert Powelson, another nominee for FERC commissioner, can be found [here](#).

Responses submitted by Dan Brouillette, Trump's pick for deputy Energy secretary, can be found [here](#).

Responses submitted by David Bernhardt, who has been tapped for DOI's No. 2 job, can be

found [here](#).

WHAT'S NEXT: The energy committee is [scheduled](#) to vote on all four nominations Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in Dirksen 366.

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Interior nominee sidesteps Democrats' ethics demands [Back](#)

By Annie Snider and Esther Whieldon | 06/02/2017 05:32 PM EDT

President Donald Trump's nominee for the No. 2 spot at the Interior Department is asking Congress to trust that he will avoid conflicts of interest related to his former lobbying clients, but he stopped short of committing to additional transparency measures Democrats requested.

David Bernhardt, a former lobbyist who has represented oil and gas, agricultural and water supply interests, said he would "fully comply with the ethics agreement" he signed when Trump nominated him as deputy Interior secretary, according to written [responses](#) to lawmakers obtained by POLITICO.

Bernhardt said he would recuse himself from matters involving former clients for two years. But he would not say who those clients are or what business they may have before Interior, nor would he agree to regularly notify the committee of where he had recused himself.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is slated to vote on Bernhardt's nomination Tuesday.

Bernhardt said in his written responses that he does not "anticipate" requesting an ethics waiver, but if he does, will discuss with Interior's designated ethics official "whether such a request should be made public."

Sen. [Al Franken](#) (D-Minn.) asked Bernhardt if he would agree to provide the committee with quarterly reports listing issues he had stepped aside from because they involved past clients. Bernhardt declined.

"I will not provide a list, but I will commit to visiting with you as often as you would like," Bernhardt wrote.

Bernhardt was a member of Trump's transition team last fall, when he also worked for the law and lobbying firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, whose clients include the Cadiz water project. The Trump administration delivered a big boost for that project in April when it [reopened](#) a legal loophole that could allow it to be built across federal land without going through an environmental review. But Bernhardt said in his written responses that he was not

involved in that or other decisions related to past clients when he was part of the transition, reiterating what he told senators during his confirmation hearing.

The nominee also said he did not believe that the nondisclosure agreement he signed before joining the transition would prevent him from sharing information with Congress — something he had questioned during his confirmation hearing.

But Bernhardt disputed Sen. [Maria Cantwell](#)'s assertion that he should recuse himself from issues relating to drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Bernhardt represented Alaska in a case against Interior relating to drilling in the refuge.

"I reject the premise of your question, which appears to be that litigation on a particular legal question regarding whether the lawfulness of Department of the Interior actions creates a presumption of permanent partiality on different matters," Bernhardt wrote in his response.

Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke this week ordered the department to assess how much oil and gas could be drilled in a section of the refuge.

On climate change, Sens. [Bernie Sanders](#) (I-Vt.) and Franken each pressed Bernhardt on his stance.

At his confirmation hearing Bernhardt said Interior is going to [follow the lead](#) of Trump, who has never acknowledged that human activity is a factor. In his written responses, Bernhardt answered "yes" when asked by Sanders if he agrees that "combustion of fossil fuels contributes to climate change."

Ben Lefebvre contributed this report.

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White House orders agencies to ignore Democrats' oversight requests [Back](#)

By Burgess Everett and Josh Dawsey | 06/02/2017 05:11 AM EDT

The White House is telling federal agencies to blow off Democratic lawmakers' oversight requests, as Republicans fear the information could be weaponized against President Donald Trump.

At meetings with top officials for various government departments this spring, Uttam Dhillon, a White House lawyer, told agencies not to cooperate with such requests from Democrats, according to Republican sources inside and outside the administration.

It appears to be a formalization of a practice that had already taken hold, as Democrats have

complained that their oversight letters requesting information from agencies have gone unanswered since January, and the Trump administration has not yet explained the rationale.

The declaration amounts to a new level of partisanship in Washington, where the president and his administration already feels besieged by media reports and attacks from Democrats. The idea, Republicans said, is to choke off the Democratic congressional minorities from gaining new information that could be used to attack the president.

"You have Republicans leading the House, the Senate and the White House," a White House official said. "I don't think you'd have the Democrats responding to every minority member request if they were in the same position."

A White House spokeswoman said the policy of the administration is "to accommodate the requests of chairmen, regardless of their political party." There are no Democratic chairmen, as Congress is controlled by Republicans.

The administration also responds to "all non-oversight inquiries, including the Senate's inquiries for purposes of providing advice and consent on nominees, without regard to the political party of the requester," the spokeswoman said. "Multiple agencies have, in fact, responded to minority member requests. No agencies have been directed not to respond to minority requests."

Republicans said that President Barack Obama's administration was not always quick to respond to them and sometimes ignored them. However, the Obama White House never ordered agencies to stop cooperating with Republican oversight requests altogether, making the marching orders from Trump's aides that much more unusual.

"What I do not remember is a blanket request from the Obama administration not to respond to Republicans," said a former longtime senior Republican staffer.

There are some exceptions to the Trump administration order, particularly from national security agencies, Democrats and Republicans said. Agencies will also comply if a Republican committee chairman joins the Democratic requests, but ranking members' oversight requests are spurned.

Congressional minorities frequently ask questions of the administration intended to embarrass the president or garner a quick headline. And Democrats have fired off requests they surely knew the administration would not answer, such as asking the White House in March to make visitor logs of Trump Tower and Mar-A-Lago publicly available.

But House and Senate lawmakers also routinely fire off much more obscure requests not intended to generate news coverage. And the Trump administration's plans to stonewall Democrats is in many ways unprecedented and could lead to a worsening of the gridlock in Washington.

Austin Evers, a former Obama administration lawyer in the State Department who runs a watchdog group called American Oversight, said the Trump administration has instituted a "dramatic change" in policy from Reagan-era congressional standards in which the government

provided more information to committee chairman but also consistently engaged in oversight with rank-and-file minority members.

"Instructing agencies not to communicate with members of the minority party will poison the well. It will damage relationships between career staffers at agencies and subject matter experts in Congress," Evers said. "One of the reasons you respond to letters from the minority party is to explain yourself. It is to put on the record that even accusations that you find unreasonable are not accurate."

One month ago, Rep. Kathleen Rice (D-N.Y.) and other Democrats sent a letter to the Office of Personnel Management asking for cybersecurity information after it was revealed that millions of people had their identities compromised. The letter asked questions about how cybersecurity officials were hired, and in Rice's view, it "was not a political letter at all."

"The answer we got back is, 'We only speak to the chair people of committees.' We said, 'That's absurd, what are you talking about?'" Rice said in an interview. "I was dumbfounded at their response. I had never gotten anything like that ... The administration has installed loyalists at every agency to keep tabs on what information people can get."

At a House Appropriations hearing in May, Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-Pa.) asked acting General Services Administrator Tim Horne about a briefing House Oversight Committee staffers had received from the GSA, in which they were informed that the "GSA has a new policy only to respond to Republican committee chairmen."

"The administration has instituted a new policy that matters of oversight need to be requested by the committee chair," Horne responded.

In February, Sen. Patty Murray (D-Wash.), and Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) asked for information on changes to healthcare.gov from the Health and Human Services Department. They're still waiting for an answer. In early May, Murray and six other senators asked the president about why Vivek Murthy was dismissed as surgeon general. There was no response, and her staff said those are just a couple of the requests that have gone unanswered.

"It's no surprise that they would try to prevent Congress from getting the information we need to make sure government is working for the people we represent," Murray said when asked about the lack of cooperation.

The Senate's Homeland Security and Government Accountability Committee, the primary investigator in that chamber, has received some responses from the Trump administration but has seen several letters only signed by Democrats ignored. Sen. Claire McCaskill (D-Mo.) wrote Education Secretary Betsy DeVos asking for help addressing the challenges of rural schools and joined with Sen. Tom Carper (D-Del.) to question the security of Trump's use of a personal cell phone as president. Neither was answered, an aide said.

A senior Democratic aide said that of the Senate Democrats' 225 oversight letters sent to the Trump administration since January asking for information, the vast majority have received no

response.

"When it comes to almost anything we've done at a federal agency, very close to 100 percent of those we haven't heard anything back. And at the White House it's definitely 100 percent," said a second senior Democratic aide. "This is rampant all over committee land."

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America's CEOs fall out of love with Trump [Back](#)

By Ben White and Annie Karni | 06/03/2017 07:19 AM EDT

NEW YORK — The relationship between corporate America and Donald Trump's White House has chilled.

The regular parades of business titans into the West Wing are gone. A gathering of executives led by Blackstone CEO Stephen Schwarzman initially planned for next week fell apart amid scheduling conflicts.

Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Disney CEO Bob Iger quit as outside advisers to President Donald Trump following his rejection of the Paris climate accords. Dozens of other executives also publicly rebuked the White House over the decision, including Goldman Sachs CEO Lloyd Blankfein — a former colleague of many top administration officials — who used his first-ever tweet to criticize the Paris decision, calling it a "setback for the environment and for the U.S.'s leadership position in the world."

Chief executives and senior corporate lobbyists are also dismayed that the administration's big Capitol Hill agenda — including repealing Obamacare and passing massive tax cuts — appears stalled. And the White House is now engaged in a very public fight with itself over how and when to raise the debt limit, a terrifying prospect for Wall Street and the rest of corporate America.

Executives also remain puzzled by regular reports of imminent shakeups in the West Wing, including the possible replacement of chief of staff Reince Priebus.

The result is at least a temporary freeze as CEOs grow skittish about public association with a leader who likes to describe himself as the most business-friendly president ever to sit in the Oval Office. This is especially true for executives at big public companies, who have to take into account how employees and shareholders will respond to interactions with an unpopular and controversial president.

"It's obviously harder for public-facing companies because when the president takes a controversial position on an issue, there's pushback from clients, customers and possibly

shareholders," said Kathryn Wylde, president of the Partnership for New York City, a group that includes many top CEOs.

Wylde noted that it's easier for executives who come out of Trump's world of privately held companies to stay close to the president. "The potential mobilization of employees and customers through social media has made business people wary of getting involved in highly contentious political issues," she said. "For those in private business who are not directly customer facing, it's not so much an issue."

White House officials strongly deny there has been a cooling off. They say the initial flurry of meetings was part of a push intended to set up lines of communication within the first 100 days. More gatherings will occur soon, they say.

"We knew there would be blowback from Paris, but so far it hasn't been that bad," said one senior official who declined to be identified by name. "There will be plenty more of these meetings."

In response to a request for comment on the wave of public critiques from CEOs, a White House spokesman repeated Trump's argument that the Paris accord would slow the U.S. economy. "The President is keeping his promise by working for a new or better deal for America," the spokesman said in a statement.

Defenders of the administration note that CEOs quitting Trump's outside advisory panels thus far are Democrats from blue states like California.

The White House is planning a daylong summit of technology CEOs at the White House for June 19 to discuss modernizing government systems, an effort led by Trump's son-in-law and top adviser Jared Kushner. But Musk has already quit as an outside adviser, and Apple CEO Tim Cook and other tech titans also criticized the Paris decision.

The tech meeting is now seen as a key barometer for whether more CEOs will put distance between themselves and the White House.

One consultant who works to connect CEOs and the White House said there is more concern now among business leaders about attending White House meetings. "It's like a Ponzi scheme — pretending you have people confirmed to get other people to confirm," this person said. "It's a manifestation of the fact that the air is coming out of this balloon quickly because the policy proposals haven't been coordinated with the Hill, the expectation that anything will be done is rapidly dissipating."

From a purely political perspective, the distancing of corporate CEOs may not be especially bad for Trump. He won as a populist railing against corporate influence, specifically singling out Goldman Sachs.

Many of his advisers, including chief strategist Steve Bannon, embrace an image of the president siding with coal miners and against big global companies like Goldman and GE — whose CEO,

Jeff Immelt, also issued a direct critique of Trump's Paris withdrawal on Twitter, though he plans to remain on Trump's manufacturing council and has spoken favorably of the administration's plans on taxes and regulation.

But there are several potential downsides. Alienating corporate executives and lobbyists could reduce Trump's ability to raise money for an eventual reelection campaign and for other Republicans in the upcoming midterms. It could also make pushing through tough legislative items like corporate tax reform harder.

Changing corporate tax law always creates winners and losers, and the White House will need to ensure that any industries that might take an initial hit from any final bill don't organize to stop what could turn out to be the administration's biggest first-term initiative.

"There was that early blitz of meetings with leaders from all different industries, and now that's slowed down a bit," said a senior Washington lobbyist who often visits the West Wing but declined to be identified by name speaking about the White House. "Some of that is natural. But they'll have to do more of them if they want to succeed on health care and taxes, and they have to do both or they are at significant risk in the midterms."

Trump regularly touts himself as a strongly pro-business president focused on creating jobs and speeding up economic growth. But both of those depend in part on corporate confidence in the administration's ability to deliver on taxes and regulation changes.

And if that confidence wanes, the already slowing pace of job creation could decline even more. "If an administration wants something to happen and corporate America doesn't believe in it, it's pretty much dead in the water," said Charles Geisst, a business historian at Manhattan College.

While relations might be at a low moment, executives and their lobbyists are not likely to stay away from the White House for long.

One corporate executive noted that Trump is often swayed by the last person he talks to, so, the executive said, remaining in the president's good graces and keeping up access is critical. The senior lobbyist noted that next week is supposed to be focused on changing financial regulations with the House expected to pass a bill rolling back much of the Dodd-Frank law and Treasury slated to release a report on changing financial laws.

The summer will bring a focus on raising the debt limit, keeping the government open and moving forward on tax reform, all issue critical to corporate America. National Economic Council Director Gary Cohn this week promised to deliver a detailed tax plan to Congress after the August recess.

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Let kids' climate suit go to trial, judge recommends [Back](#)

By Alex Guillén | 05/01/2017 04:21 PM EDT

A federal magistrate judge today said that a group of children seeking to force the federal government to take drastic action on climate change should be allowed to make their case in court.

The Trump administration, backed up by the oil and manufacturing industries, in March asked a judge in the U.S. District Court in Oregon to let them leapfrog her and ask the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to toss out the case before it goes to trial.

In a 16-page [recommendation](#) today, Thomas Coffin, a magistrate judge assisting with the case, recommended that District Court Judge Ann Aiken reject the administration's request. Aiken [concluded](#) last year that there were enough questions to merit a trial.

Many of the legal questions are inextricably tied to scientific questions about climate change's causes and risks, as well as the government's past and current efforts to curb greenhouse gases or encourage fossil fuel development, Coffin wrote. A trial would allow the Trump administration and industry groups to present any evidence against climate change and its risks in a public forum, he added.

The children behind the lawsuit argue that the government has violated a public trust doctrine by knowing of climate change for decades but not doing enough to combat the threat. The Obama and Trump administrations have rejected that argument.

The Trump administration could still ask the 9th Circuit to get involved, but officials would have a much harder time if Aiken agrees with Coffin.

WHAT'S NEXT: Judge Aiken must decide whether to agree with Coffin's assessment or give her blessing to the Trump administration's early appeal effort.

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Mike, I am so sorry but I am going to have to postpone. We are needing to free up the evening due to meetings he is having later in the afternoon now. So so sorry for the late notice.

Sydney Hupp

Office of the Administrator- Scheduling

202.816.1659

From: Hale, Michelle

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:32 AM

To: Michael McKenna <mike@mwrstrat.com>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with Administrator Pruitt

Rural Society at 6:30 p.m. Reservation under Michelle Hale. Thank you for the recommendation.

From: Michael McKenna [<mailto:mike@mwrstrat.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 9:00 AM

To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with Administrator Pruitt

Central. Rural society. Rosa Mexicano if mexican is a good answer.

Cava on 8th Street, SE.

The hamilton.

Woodward Table.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Hale, Michelle" <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Date: 04/03/2017 8:48 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: Michael McKenna <mike@mwrstrat.com>, "Hupp, Sydney" <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with Administrator Pruitt

Le Diplomate is booked so let me see what other options we have. Michael, any suggestions?

From: Michael McKenna [<mailto:mike@mwrstrat.com>]

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 8:44 AM

To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with Administrator Pruitt

That works.

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From: "Hupp, Sydney" <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Date: 04/03/2017 8:19 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: "Hale, Michelle" <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

Cc: Michael McKenna <mike@mwrstrat.com>

Subject: RE: Dinner with Administrator Pruitt

If that works for you Mr. McKenna, Michelle would you mind setting up a reservation?

Sydney Hupp

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From: Hale, Michelle
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Michael McKenna <mike@mwrstrat.com>
Subject: Re: Dinner with Administrator Pruitt

Le Diplomate is his favorite!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 31, 2017, at 1:08 PM, Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov> wrote:

Let me loop in Michelle as she knows his DC restaurant preferences a bit better than me.

Thanks!

Sydney Hupp

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From: Michael McKenna [<mailto:mike@mwrstrat.com>]
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 1:01 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Dinner with Administrator Pruitt

Pencil me in.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: "Hupp, Sydney" <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Date: 03/31/2017 12:30 PM (GMT-05:00)

To: Michael McKenna <mike@mwrstrat.com>

Subject: RE: Dinner with Administrator Pruitt

Are you available Tuesday at 6:30?

Thank you!

Sydney Hupp

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From: Michael McKenna [<mailto:mike@mwrstrat.com>]

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